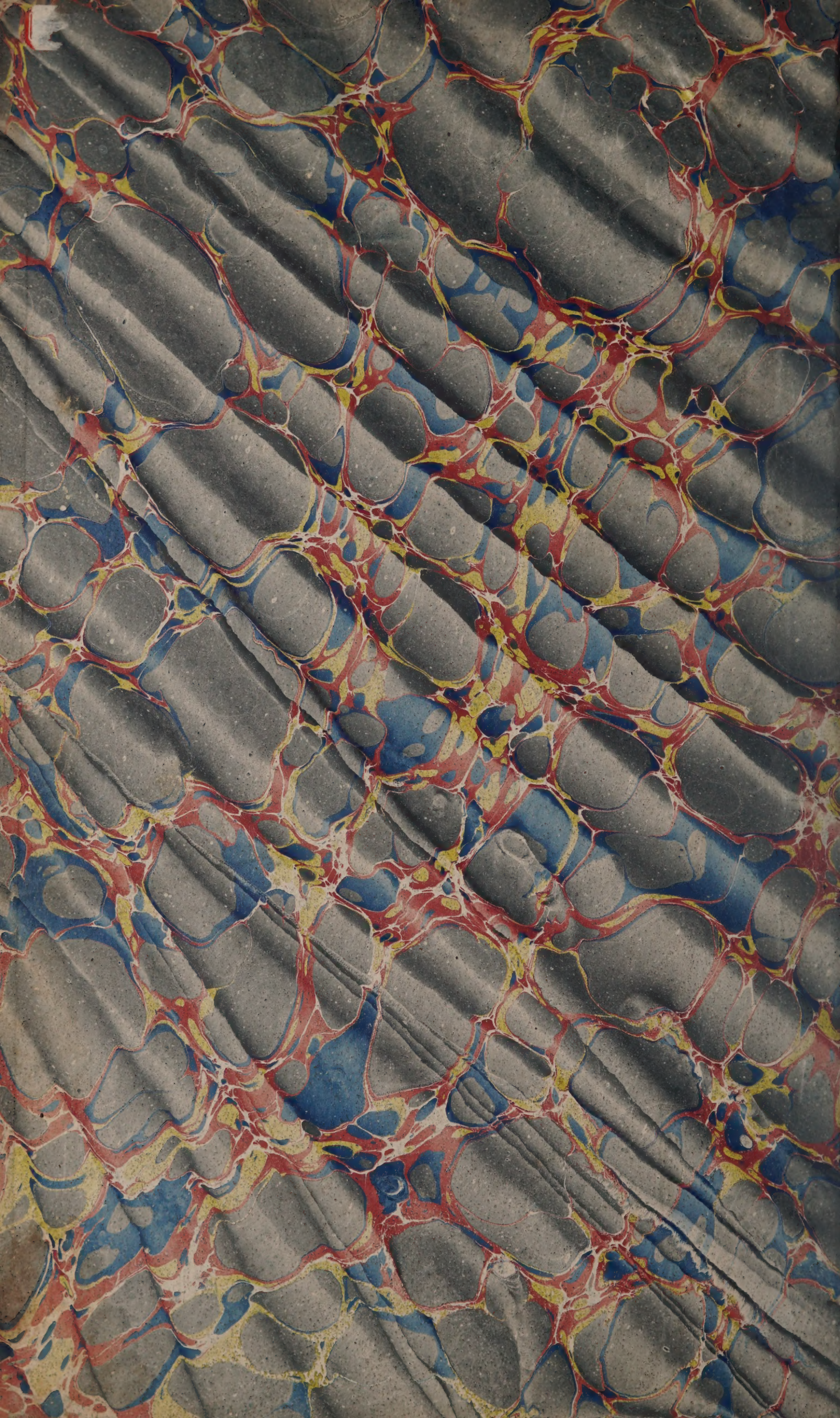




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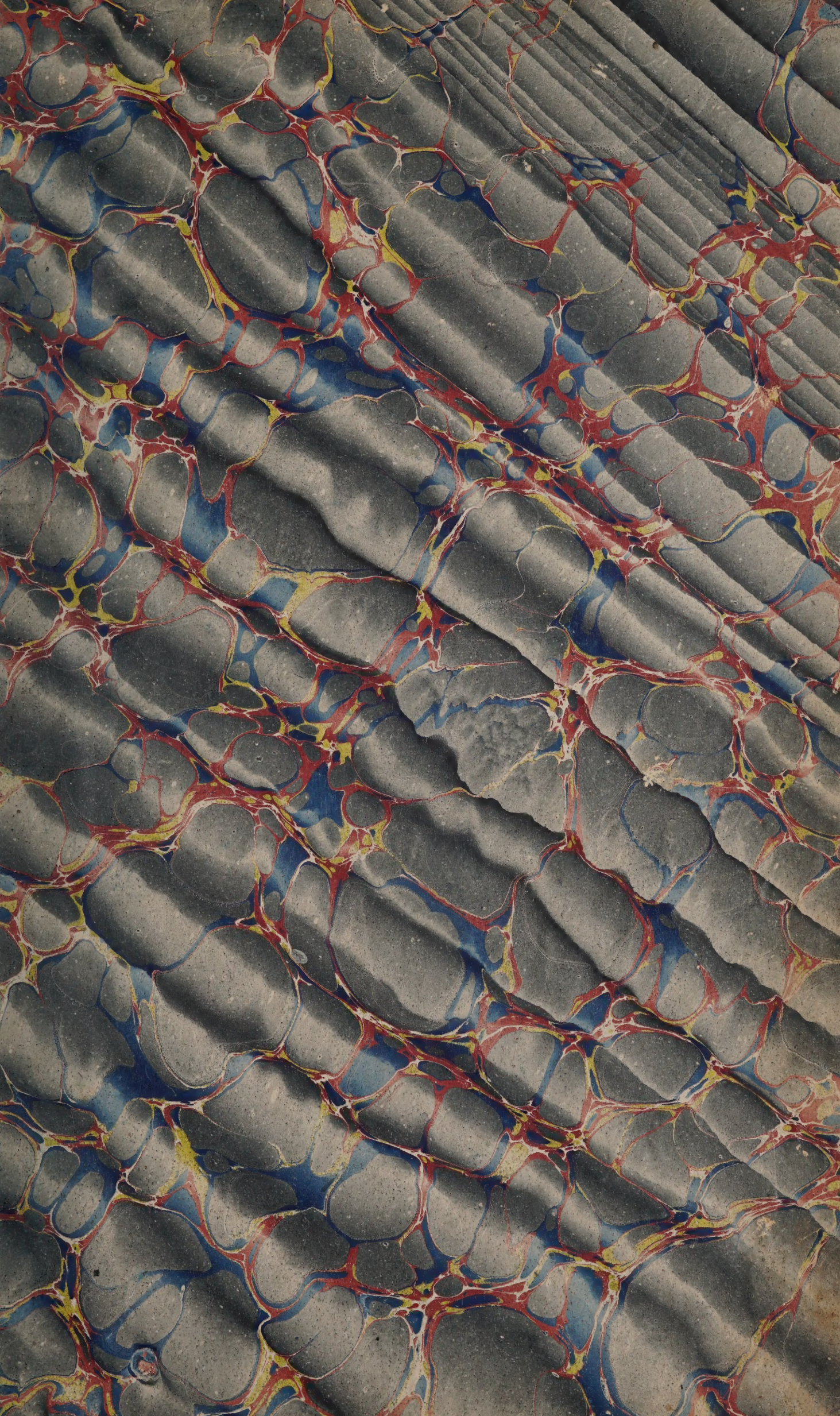
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Ship Gazelle Sept. 30th 1857

By Eleanor N. Baker.

Sept 30th 1 Wednesday.

Commenced with light winds and squally.
Very warm weather as we draw near the line.
Two sails in sight working to the south.
Most that is wanting is something to burn as we
are short of oil. Lat. 8° 51' N Long 22° 24' W

Oct 1st 2 Thursday.

Very light winds and sultry weather.
At 7 o'clock to No. lowered all four boats for
Blackfish but got none. Spoke a brig and found
her Longitude to be eight degrees out of the way.
Michael employed in the afternoon repairing piano
— although new work to him yet he succeeded pretty well.
The latter part of the day squally; still the cry is
"some oil to burn" for we have to substitute blubber for
oil. Lat 8° 55' N. Long 21° 29' 45" W

Friday

Oct 2nd 3 Calm weather — wind veering. Plenty fish
round the ship and a large shark also. Had a
very pleasant shower. Weather unsettled — wind light
and from the westward the latter part of the day.
Not able to get the latitude at noon.

Oct 3rd 4 Saturday

Morning calm — lowered for Blackfish the starboard
boat but did not get any — caught two small sharks
along side. At four o'clock saw another school of Black-
fish and lowered three boats for them, but as usual took
none. The bow boat struck a shark and towed him
to the ship — Cook busy trying out the liver for oil.
This is what I call going whaling and having to get
sharks to make oil enough to burn.

Evening — a fine breeze and we are making our way toward
the line — Lat 8° 27' N Long 21° 14' W

Ship Gazelle of New Bedford.

Oct 4th 5 Sunday

A rainy and lonesome day with light breeze and making rather a slow progress south.

Heavy sea on which makes it still more disagreeable.

Oct 5th 6 Monday.

A pleasant day with very light breeze from S. W. heading S. S. E. At 4 o'clock watch busy getting the old boat down to break up and replacing the new one in her place. Nothing worthy of observation so ends the day.

Lat 6° 50' N Long 19° 09' W

Oct 6th 7 Tuesday

First part with light breeze and pleasant. Lowered all four boats for whales but struck none. The starboard boat brought on board one cow fish and a porpoise. Thinking it was better to get small fish than to come on board with nothing as it is such hard times to get something to give us light on our way south. We are thankful for a little and hope to be very thankful soon for much more. Seven weeks out to day.

Lat 6° 07' Long 18° 11'

Oct 7th 8 Wednesday.

First part very pleasant with a good breeze but not fair. Saw a school of blackfish but did not lower. Five sail in sight. At 4 o'clock exchanged signals with a whaling bark boiling but could not tell who she was. At night it looks squally and think for a rarity we may have some rain. This is slow and tedious getting along - with head winds and calms. To day is Susan to Braly's birthday being 34 years old.

Lat. 5° 44'. Long. 17° 56' 45"

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Journal by Eleanor N. Baker. 1857

Oct 8th 9 Thursday Eve.

This has been a very disagreeable day with a breeze from the S. and S.E. Hope we shall take the trade winds now which would be very acceptable on account of getting to N. Zealand to take the season there.

This disagreeable weather makes me feel as though I would like to look in upon them at home and enjoy their company for a while just for a change.

Oct 9th 10 Friday Eve.

This has been a nice day but we are still doomed to light breezes and a head wind. Two sail in sight to night - it seems we are not alone for the old saying is true "Misery likes company". They have to night finished fitting the try-works and ^{now} ~~that~~ now all that is wanting is something to make the oil of and may good fortune smile upon us that we may soon get a good voyage and be permitted to once more return home to our dear friends that are anxiously waiting for our return. That each of our lives may be spared to us to see that happy moment is the wish of Nellie.

Lat 20° 37' N Long 18° 19'

Oct 10th

11 Saturday Eve.

First part of the day pleasant and very warm with light breezes. Starting S. by E. All hands engaged in baling out between decks. This afternoon have had a refreshing shower of rain which has cooled the air very much.

Time passes away very swiftly for we are aware week after week flies and soon the forty month will pass and may it find us all on our passage home with a full cargo of Sperm oil. May success follow us. Lat 2° 59' N Long 17° 34'

Ship *Gazelle* Pacific Ocean 1857Oct 11th 12 Sunday Eve.

The weather has been very changeable with plenty of rain. Wind veering the first part of the day but latter part a good breeze. Two sails in sight one the *Mary & Susan* of N. Bedford with 60 barrels sperm 3 months out. — Mr. Hoyle went on board and got some oil and hope ere that is gone we may have enough to supply some other unfortunate ship like ourselves. To day is Michael's birthday being 36 years of age. Lat 3° 29' N

Oct 12th 13 Monday Eve.

Weather pleasant with very strong breeze. The *Mary and Susan* came up to sail with us and from 8 o'clock A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M. she beat the good ship *Gazelle* about 6 miles. The M. & S. could not carry sail as long as our ship and after taking in consideration the newness of the ship also the size she cannot consider it a fair beat; however the old *Gazelle* did herself much credit for she sails well and is very upright. We are in hopes this breeze will carry us into the trade winds so as not to be detained here much longer. Lat 2° 15' N Long 19° 51' W

Oct 13th 14 Tuesday Eve.

Pleasant with good breezes from S. E. which we are very grateful for as our detention here so long has made us weary — hope soon to be on good whale ground and that we may have greedy luck for a change. After 4 o'clock all hands engaged in bending a new main top sail. One sail in sight to night. Nothing further for to night. Lat 10° 58' N Long 21° 13' 15" W

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1857. Ship Gazelle of New Bedford.

Oct 14th 15 Wednesday Eve.

This has been a fine day with nice trade winds blowing us onward toward our whaling ground and there I hope we may be favoured with "good luck".

This afternoon a very large English ship passed us and we exchanged signal with her. At night saw a bark supposed it to be the Greyhound of Westport. Last night we crossed the line being now in Lat. 40° 47' S. Long 22° 34' 30" W.

Oct 15th 16 Thursday Eve.

A delightful day this has been with strong breeze from the S. E. This morning saw a bark off to the leeward - ran down to her and exchanged signals - found it to be the Cornelia of N. Bedford.

It was the same ship that was in sight last night which we called the Greyhound. Since we have crossed the line we have had beautiful weather such as I would like to see all the time but as that cannot be I shall have to take the bitter with the sweet. Nothing farther to night.
Lat 3° 19' S. Long 23° 34' 30" W.

Oct 16th 17 Friday Eve.

This has been another of those delightful days which are common to these latitudes and could we but have such through our voyage it would be very pleasant indeed. There are any quantity of flying fish to be seen also "Mother Carey's" chickens and could we have the one thing needful (plenty of whales) here we should be all right but I find it must need much patience and perseverance to accomplish one of these long and tedious voyages - however I hope to see the time when we ^{shall} have a full ship and bound in the good bay of Buzzards. To night one ship in sight.

Lat 5° 55' S. Long 24° 45' 15" W.

Ship Gazelle of New Bedford, 1857

Oct 17th 18 . . . Saturday Eve.

This morning pleasant with strong breezes from the S. E. Saw a ship bound to the North. Nothing of importance has transacted worthy of notice. Lat. 8° 44' S. Long. 25° 27' W.

Oct 18th 19 . . . Sunday Eve.

This has been a beautiful Sabbath with a light breeze steering S. by W. To night saw a sail to the leeward. I would like to step

in at home to night and see how they all are and have a little chat also to see the children.

Oh that the time may quickly come for us to be permitted to enjoy that privilege and may we find them enjoying the best of God's blessing.

Lat. 10° 57' S. Long 25° 50' 45" W

Oct 19th 20 . . . Monday Eve.

Pleasant with a good breeze - steering S. W. by S. Saw a sperm suppose it was a finback also saw white water but could not tell what it was. As we pass from the line the change is quite perceptible as it grows quite cool towards night.

Lat 13° 05' S. Long 26° 26'

Oct 20th 21 . . . Tuesday Eve.

Fine weather with good breezes. This morning saw a school of finbacks. All hands engaged all day in setting up rigging and fixing boats.

This afternoon and night a heavy sea on think they have a blow to the south of us.

Lat 15° 24' S. Long 27° 36' 30" W.

Here we lost our old Goot by dying.

7

Bound to the Pacific Ocean. 1857

Oct 21st 22 Wednesday.

This has been a very uncomfortable day. Squally with a very heavy sea. The latter part with strong breezes. Bore to all day.

Lat. 17° 18' Long 28° 05' W.

Oct 22^d 23 Thursday Eve.

Squally weather with a bad head beat sea steering for Trinidad ~~the river~~. This is very uncomfortable weather and especially for this latitude. Were not able to get a latitude or a longitude.

Oct 23^d 24 Friday Eve.

Pleasant weather with strong breezes. Made the land of Trinidad at 1 o'clock and 6 o'clock to night we are in the passage between Martin's Rocks and Trinidad. As we pass this land I am led to ask myself how long ere we shall pass it again bound to the North? If our lives are spared I hope it may not be many years from now and with a good voyage in I hope. It seems a long long time to look forward to but may we all be spared to see that happy moment is the wish of — Melville.

Lat. 20° 10' S. Long 29° 21' 15' W.

Oct 24th 25 Saturday Eve.

Another fine day with strong breezes steering S. but as usual a very bad head beat sea. — Hoping soon to be on good whale ground and if fortune could but smile on us and give us some oil it would indeed be acceptable.

We are bound south now with all possible speed and soon we shall be in cool weather.

Lat 22° 31' Long 29° 21' 45' W.

Ship Gazelle — Michael Baker 3^d Commander —Oct 25th 26 Sunday Eve.

This has been a fine sabbath with strong breezes from the E. Nothing of importance to note as it is a lonely day at sea nothing doing to help pass away the time.

Lat 24° 58' Long 28° 34' W.

Oct 26th 27 Monday Eve.

Another fine day the first part light breezes. At noon raised a whale but it proved to be a kind called the sulphur bottom. They did not lower for him for they are bad about taking being so wild. He was very large and came very near the ship. There has been seen yesterday and to day a bird called the Goney.

Latter part of the day strong breezes.

Lat 26° 31' Long 27° 35' W.

Oct 27th 28. Tuesday Eve.

This has been a very fine day with light breezes. All looking earnest for whales.

This afternoon saw a breach but could not see what it was. We are bound down to Tristan and hope there to find whales feeling anxious to make a beginning.

Lat 27° 43' S.

Oct 28th 29 Wednesday Eve.

Another bright and beautiful day with a nice little breeze steering S. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.

First part of day raised several Finback whales. The watch engaged in painting the starboard boat.

Lat 26° 24' Long 24° 46' 30' W.

Eleanor N. Baker.

So. Dartmouth. Mass.

Sailed for the Pacific Ocean Aug. 18th 1857.

Oct 29th 30 Thursday Eve.

The weather fine with strong breezes and the old ship *Gazelle* is ploughing the blue water fast. There is a great change in the weather for it quite cool. Several Finbacks have been seen to day also Cape Horn pigeons and Gulls. The watch employed in painting the Carboard boat.

Wind N. N. W and variable. We are rolling along towards good whaling grounds.

Lat 31° 25'. Long 122° 01' 45" W.

Oct 30th 31 Friday Eve.

The weather has been bad - rainy and cold with strong breezes from the South. The change of air strongly reminds us we are going South fast. Birds are round the ship in any quantities.

The wind seems to be working in to the West. The ship is under double reefed topsails to night as the weather looks bad with a strong breeze. Not able to get an attitude to day.

Oct 31st 32 Saturday Eve.

The weather has been very bad to day being squally with rain. The wind S. E and steering E. N. E. which is very much against us being ahead as we are making east and north. To night the wind is very light with a heavy swell from the South.

This is the last day of the month and still no oil yet. Oh when shall we get whales!! The weeks pass of ere we are aware and although it seems a long time to look forward to for our return home yet it will soon arrive if our lives are spared to see it and God grant we may once more behold our dear friends at home.

"Home home sweet home"

Ship Gazelle Outward Bound. 1857

Nov. 1st 33 Sunday Evening
Commences with strong breeze
from S. E. Heaving by the wind
on the northern tack doubled reefed
the topsails took in the spanker
mid and latter part of the day
more moderate set whole topsails
and topgallant sails fore & aft rather
rainy. At 6 P. M. saw a sail off the
lee quarter. saw a tide fish
So ends this day

Lat. 31. 28
No Obs — —

Nov. 2^d 34. Monday Eve.

Commences with strong breeze from S. E.
squally with rain and a very heavy sea on
from the south. Mid and latter part of
day a moderate gale of wind under ~~close~~
reefed topsails and spanker.

Last night at 11 o'clock a very large
iron steamer came down past our
stern and spoke us. Could not make
out her name — was bound into Cape Town.

This is very disagreeable weather being
the fourth day since we have taken
an altitude. So ends the day.

Nov. 3^d 35 Tuesday Eve.

To day finds us with the same kind
of weather blowing a gale of wind and
the ship hove to under closed reefed
fore and mizzen topsails and double reefed
main topsail. The spanker set. The ship
behaves well and is very easy considering
what a sea there is. There seems to be
no prospect yet of it growing better weather
The wind is S. E. which is rather against
us.

For New Zealand.

1857

Nov 4th 36 Wednesday Eve.

The weather is the same as yesterday blowing strong with a bad sea on. Wind S. S. E.

This forenoon a finback came close to the ship and Mr Lapham & mate fired a bomb lance which just struck him and glanced over his back. To night a sail was in sight also a great number of birds.

Nov 5th 37 Thursday Eve.

We have had for a change pleasant weather to day the first for one week.

The watch engaged in repairing main topsail and bending it forward in order to repair the fore topsail. Wind E. with a good breeze. No sail in sight of the lee quarter. So ends this day.

Lat 34° 46'. Long 171° 20' W.

38

Nov 6th

Friday Eve.

The weather fine with strong breezes steering S. E by E $\frac{1}{4}$ E bound into Tristan d'Acunha. The watch employed in repairing fore topsail. Finbacks seen to day several times. No sail in sight to night.

Lat 36° 23' S. Long 14° 15' 45' W.

Ship Gazelle of New Bedford.

Nov 7th 39

Saturday Eve.

Pleasant weather with a good breeze from the N. This morning arrived at Tristan d'Acunha. M. and Boats crew went close in shore and caught a large number of fish. At 11 o'clock to M. squared away for the East bound to St. Zealand. Could not land on account of the wind blowing on shore.

40

Nov 8th

Sunday Eve.

Begins with strong breezes from the North equally with rain. Double reefed topsails having the appearance of a gale of wind. At 6 o'clock the wind hauled round to the west - going under light-sail on account of being on good whale ground to morrow.

Lat. 36. 30. Long 7. 00

41

Nov 9th

Monday Eve.

The weather fine with strong breezes from the N. N. W. This forenoon raised several right whales going to the windward.

Lowered L. W. & B. boat but could not get to them. At 1 o'clock raised whales again - lowered L. and W. boat chased them until 1/2 past 4 o'clock but they were going to windward and could not get them.

Plent. of Goney and Pigeons. Caught one Pigeon with a hook.

Shall look about here until the first of next week in hopes to take some oil. Better luck to-morrow I hope.

Lat. 36. 18. Long 5. 23. W.

On Tristan Ground. Nov 10th 1857Nov 10th 42 Tuesday

Fine weather with strong breezes the first part of the day. Raised right whales in the morning - lowered L. W. and S. boat but could not strike them.

Afternoon raised them again - chased them until night but could not get near enough to strike. I caught 4 Cape Horn Pigeons with hooks. Lay to all night.

Lat 36° 29' Long 5° 46' W.

Exchanged signals with a merchant bark called it a Dane. Also a large merchant ship passed us this afternoon. So end the day

43

Nov 11th

Wednesday Eve.

Morning very pleasant and a light air raised whales at 6 o'clock - lowered all three boats - chased them until 2 o'clock P. M.

Finbacks also seen. Came on board but was not able to get them.

To night a sail in sight. Wind N. N. W. with a good breeze.

Lat 36° 20' S. Long. 4° 58' 15' W.

44

Nov 12th

Thursday Eve.

The weather fair with a strong breeze from the S. Heavy sea on. The *Stephanie* of N. Bedford came down and spoke us being 4 months out with 200 sp. This afternoon the wind has gone down almost to a calm.

Mr Hoxie went on board the S. and got some Blackfish oil as we are about destitute of oil to burn. Capt Fisher has his wife on board. A heavy swell on to night but weather fine. Another sail in sight.

Lat 36° 32' S. Long. 3° 44' W.

1857. Ship Gazelle. Mr. Baker 3^d Master.

Nov 13th 45 Friday Eve.

Weather fair with a strong breeze from N. W. Run down and spoke the Gideon (boiling) Howland of N. Bedford cruising with 115 barrels oil 90 of it sp. (Williams master) Capt W. came on board and ganned all day. Had a piece of blubber brought on board for luck. A large clipper ship also a large frigate passed us to day bound East.

Lat 36° 32' S. Long. 1° 34' 45' W.

46

Nov 14th Saturday Eve.

Pleasant weather - light breeze with a bad sea. The G. H. in sight until noon also several sail passed to the E.

To night took in sail for the night. Wind N. and breezed with a fine rain - has the appearance of a gale of wind.

Lat 36° 10' S. Long. 1° 46' 45" W.

47

Nov 15th Sunday Eve.

Commences with strong S. W. wind blowing quite a gale of wind with a heavy sea on. Layd to all the first part of the day after 12 o'clock at noon moderated down and pleasant. To night wind West and steering East to the whale ground. Expect to see whales tomorrow and hope not to only see them but to get them.

Took in sail for the night. This is the middle of the month and how swiftly the time passes - still we are clean! Better days are coming and that soon I hope. I would like to look in upon them at home tonight but how useless to wish. Hope or Hope even is my motto.

Lat 35° 44' S. Long 2° 46' 15" W.

1857. Cruising for oil in the Atlantic Ocean

Nov 16th 48. Monday Eve.

The weather fine with light breezes. The Bark Nye of Dartmouth came down and spoke us and Capt Howland came on board. Half past 11 o'clock rose whales. Boats from both ships went down and the 1st and 2^d mate of Nye's went on and got fast. First mates boat got capsized. Mr. Hoxie went and picked them up and towed the boat to the ship. Capt Howland went down with our larboard boat got fast and the whale run until 4 o'clock when his line got foul and he had to cut from him and the whale spouting thick blood. The wind blew very hard with a very bad sea on at the time. Hope to fall in with him and save him yet. To night it is very rugged with a strong breeze.

Lat. 35-16 S. Long 22-09 W.

49

Nov 17th Tuesday Eve.

A very disagreeable day for it has blowed a gale of wind all day. This afternoon rain with wind N. N. W. bore to.

To night the wind has hauled to the West and very moderate with a bad sea on. Steering all day N. E. To night wore ship. A large ship passed going to the East.

Lat. 35-08 S. No Long.

Have not seen the lost whale yet.

1857. Ship Gazelle of New Bedford Mass.

Nov 18th 50

Wednesday Eve.

Commences with a gale of wind from the West. Lay to all day - towards night the wind has moderated down in a great measure.

To day we are three months out from home and yet we are clear.

Hope to see whales tomorrow as we are on good whale ground.

Lat 35.02 S. Long 1.01.15 W.

51

Nov 19th

Thursday Eve.

First part weather the same as yesterday with a very bad sea on. Latter part more moderate yet bad weather. Nothing in sight but birds and those plenty.

Could not take whales if seen as the weather is so bad. If no better tomorrow shall steer for the Cape of Good Hope.

Caught several Albatrosses and other birds with hooks. So ends this day

Lat 35.00 S. Long. 00.53 W.

52

Nov 20th

Friday Eve.

To day the weather is quite fair again. Wind S. with a bad swell.

Busy fixing the rudder as it was getting bad. Nothing in sight - at 12 o'clock squared the yards for the East - wind West. The weather looks good to night. Suppose to be on the meridian to night at 8 o'clock P.M.

Lat 35.06 S. Long 00.35.15 W.

Vellie N. Baker.

Ship Gazelle Atlantic Ocean

Nov 20th /57.

Bound on a Whaling Voyage. 1859.

Nov 21st 53

Saturday Eve.

The weather quite good but not settled as it is very thick not able to see any great distance.

All hands engaged in beaking out and cooping the bread casks.

This morning saw Blackfish but did not lower for them.

~~but~~ To night it is very moderate with a little breeze. So ends this week with no oil.

Lat 35° 36' S. Long 22° 15' E.

54

Nov 22^d

Sunday Eve.

Commenced with fair weather wind East with a good breeze.

Half past 11 o'clock to Mr. the bark Milwood Capt Guninger of N. Bedford came down and spoke us. 2 1/2 months out clean. Capt G. came on board but did not stop long. To night near sunset raised right whales - lowered three boats but had to come on board at dark and the whales going to windward.

Weather to night looks bad. So ends the day.

55

Nov 23^d

Monday Eve.

First part rainy - wind East and quite moderate. Afternoon the wind changed to the West and better weather.

Raised several Finbacks both forenoon and afternoon.

Steering E. S. E. So ends the day.

Lat 35° 57' S. Long 2° 29' E.

1857. Ship Gazelle of N. Bedford

Nov 24th 56

Tuesday Eve.

To day the weather has been very fine with a good breeze from the N. N. W. and very smooth.

Raised several Finbacks also Porpoises round the ship.

This afternoon fell in with a great quantity of right whale birds. Should think it was the place to find whales.

Lat 36° 09' S. Long 6° 04' E.

57

Nov 25th

Wednesday Eve.

Commenced with strong breezes from the West with rain.

Saw a ship - ran down to her and spoke her which proved to be the N. America of N. London 27 months out oil not reported.

Latter part blowing a gale of wind and the old Ship Gazelle is scudding toward the East.

It is very disagreeable rolling as we are to day but our ship proves to be first rate in bad weather.

Lat 36° 27' S. (No Long.)

58

Nov 26th

Thursday Eve

Commenced with good weather with strong breezes from the S. W. The sea very bad. Latter part more moderate with fine weather.

Expect to be off the Cape of Good Hope to morrow.

To day I thanksgiving with those at home and how I would like to step in to get some their good things but such is impossible and so I must be content.

Lat 36° 59' S. Long 14° 38' E.

1857. Bound for New Zealand

59

Nov 27th

Friday Eve.

Commenced with good breeze from N. W. squally with rain.

Raised whales lowered. S. & W. boat but it being so very rugged could not get any. Latter part wind variable with a very heavy bad sea on.

Wind light and we are rolling after a great rate. Saw several Finbacks and a Humpback to day.

Lat 37° 04' S. Long 15° 34.30 E.

60

Nov 28th

Saturday Eve.

Commenced with good weather and a strong breeze from S. W. steering S. E. by S. and found there to be a great variation as by steering that course we made E. by S. course.

Raised a right whale but did not lower for him as he was going to windward very fast.

How time flies! for week after week passes ere we are aware. Hope to soon be where we shall be able to take some oil and may good fortune smile on us.

Lat 37° 41' S. Long 18° 01.30 E.

61

Nov 29th

Sunday Eve.

Commences with light winds from S. W. weather good. Mid and latter part strong breezes with squalls of rain.

This evening the weather looks good again with a good breeze - steering S. E. by E 1/2 E.

Lat 38° 51' S. Long 22° 05' E.

1857 Ship Gazelle of N. Bedford

Nov 30th 62 Monday Eve.

This has been a very beautiful day with good breeze from the S. W. Mid and latter part the same. Three sails in sight to night. The old Gazelle has done honor to herself to day for we have raised two sails a head — come up with one and now she is astern hull out of sight. The other we are gaining on very fast. This afternoon bent the main top gallant standing sail.

Lat 38°30. S Long 26°02. E.

Dec 1st 63 Tuesday Eve.

First part beautiful moderate weather with wind N. Caught a Porpoise early this morning.

Mid and latter part very strong breeze. Half past 3 o'clock carried away the jib and fly jib boom — all hands engaged in getting the wreck on board and preparing a new one.

Split the mainsail and so ends our misfortunes.

Lat 38°44. S Long 28°28. E.

Dec 2^d 64 Wednesday Eve.

Commenced with squally weather with rain — wind N. All of a sudden the wind hauled out to the S. W. and a heavy squall struck her — blowing very hard indeed also a heavy sea on.

Took in all sail but the main topsail close reefed and fore topmast trysail and hove the ship to. At noon put her off again ^{as} and it moderated. Latter part good breeze and pleasant. Have got the jib boom all ready to replace when the master will permit.

Lat 39°28. S Long 31°32. E.

1857. In the Indian Ocean.

Dec. 3^d 65 Thursday Eve.

This has been a delightful day - very pleasant and calm. All hands engaged getting out a new jibboom and in mending the jib. Latter part weather the same and all engaged in mending the mainsail and fly jib. Finished the mainsail and bent it again. Wind such as it is - S. E.

Lat 36°31' S. Long 33°26' E.

66

Dec 4th Friday Eve.

Commences with pleasant weather with a strong breeze from the N. N. W.

Mid and latter part blowing a gale of wind and the old ship is rolling after a great rate.

This is what I call a changeable world for one day it is fine beautiful weather and the next blowing a gale of wind. This is a long tedious passage across the Indian Ocean and the sooner we get around the better for I am tired of bad weather.

Lat 38°50' S. Long 37°26' E.

67

Dec 5th Saturday Eve.

Commences with rainy bad weather with a light breeze from S. E. Mid part the same. Latter part strong breezes from the N. W. and weather looks better but windy. Another Saturday night has come and ere many more I hope we may be where we can get some oil.

Lat 38°30' S. Long 40°19' E.

1857 Ship Gazelle Outward Bound

Dec 6th 68 Sunday Eve.

Commences with a smart gale of wind with rain from the N N W.

At 3 o'clock last night hove to and remained so until 10 o'clock the forenoon. One o'clock hove to again on account of rolling so bad occasioned by a very bad sea on. The weather is still unsettled.

Lat 39.05 S Long 43.15 E.

Dec 7th 69 Monday Eve.

Commences with squally weather and blowing strong. Last night had a heavy squall with thunder. Latter part blowing heavy with a high sea on.

Lat 38° 32 S.

Dec 8th 70 Tuesday Eve

Weather very unsettled squally and at times blowing a gale of wind. Last night had heavy squalls with rain and hail. Hove to part of the day it being so rough could not run.

Lat 38° 21 S.

Dec 9th 71 Wednesday Eve.

Commences with unsettled weather squally with rain. A bad sea on. Wind W N W.

To night wind changed to S. W. and weather looks rather better. A very uncomfortable tedious passage across so far.

Lat 38.00 S. Long 50° 44. E.

1857 Across the Indian Ocean

Dec 10th 72

Thursday Eve.

Commences with fair weather once more which seems good to see it having had no cessation of gales for nearly a week. At bad sea mid and latter part the same with not so bad a sea on and the ship is once still from rolling bad. Wind W. steering E. S. E.

Lat 38° 12' S Long 54° 18' E.

73

Dec 11th

Friday Eve.

Commences with fine weather and good breeze from the S. W. Mid and latter part the same. Nothing worthy of notice.

Lat 38° 05' S. Long 58° 08' E.

74

Dec 12th

Saturday Eve.

This has been a delightful day with a light breeze the first part but latter part quite a good breeze. A vast difference in the weather in one week for it was bad enough the first part of the week and so disagreeable I began to think this ocean was rightly named being wild in its aspect. Another Saturday night has come and we find ourselves still nearer our journey across this tedious ocean.

Lat 37° 57' S. Long 60° 32' E.

1857 Ship Gazelle Outward Bound

Dec 13th 75

Sunday Eve.

We are favored with still another pleasant day with a good breeze from the N. N. W.

We are fast making our way across being within three days sail of the island of Amsterdam.

Would like to be at home tonight and see those there also to attend meeting for it would be a great treat.

~~But~~ A long time ere that ~~period~~ arrives but I hope to see that day before many years.

Lat 37.57 Long 64.25 E

76

Dec 14th

Monday Eve.

Commenced with cloudy damp weather wind N. N. W. At noon quite fair. This afternoon raised eight whales - lowered three boats but did not strike. Came on board and a thick fog set in. Light breeze all day. So ends.

Lat 37.58 S. Long 66.31 E.

77

Dec 15th

Tuesday Eve.

Commenced with dull foggy weather - good breeze from N. N. W. very smooth. Mid and latter part rainy and very thick.

Wind changed to the South.

Nothing in sight or worthy of observation. So ends the day.

Lat 37.52 S. Long 70.40 E.

1857 Across the Indian Ocean

25

Dec 16th 78

Wednesday Eve.

Commences with light winds from the S. E. Mid day the same. Latter part strong breeze from the N. W. with fog and rain.

Has the appearance of bad weather just as we near the island of Amsterdam.

Lat 37° 42' S. Long 73° 04' E.

79

Dec 17th

Thursday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes from the N. W. cloudy. Steering in for the island of Amsterdam.

It lit up about 3 o'clock this afternoon and made the land about 3 miles off. Saw smoke on there and cannot tell what it means as there are no inhabitants there on.

Blowing a gale of wind.

Lat 37° 56' S. Long 77° 40' E.

80

Dec 18th

Friday Eve.

Commences with a gale of wind from the S. W. with a bad sea.

Went too last night for the purpose of trying to land on the Island but being bad weather proceeded on toward the E. To night weather looks better and hope for one 24 hours to come we may see something better than a Norther which are so common here in this wild ocean. The ship rolls after a great rate and I am tired tired of it.

Four months out and still we are clean. Hope to have oil soon if spared to get on the whale ground.

Lat 37° 41' S. Long 80° 12' 45' E.

1857. Ship Gazelle Outward Bound.

Dec 19th 81

Saturday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes from W. N. W. Watch employed in breaking out water and filling up empty casks with salt water for ballast. Latter part squally with rain and weather looking bad. Wind changed to S. W.

Lat 37.38 S. Long 84.34 E.

82

Dec 20th

Sunday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes from the S. W. and squally. Sea running bad.

Mid and latter part steady breezes with not so bad a sea.

The old ship is plowing the waters with now and then a heavy roll which is very pleasant I must confess.

Lat 37.27 S. Long 89.00 E.

83

Dec 21st

Monday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes from the South and squally.

Mid and latter part strong breezes — nothing of importance transacted to day. To night finds us still farther to the East which gives us courage to believe we are soon to get round on our cruising ground if our lives are spared.

Lat 37.35 S. Long 93.00 E.

Across the Indian Ocean

Dec 22^d 84

Tuesday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes and squally with rain.

Wind South West. Mid and latter part the same.

So ends this day.

Lat 37° 55' S. Long 96° 37' E.

85

Dec 23^d

Wednesday Eve.

Commences with fine breezes from W. S. W. and cloudy.

Mid and latter part the same.

Nothing worthy of observation.

Sin backs seen.

Lat 38° 15' S. Long 100° 26' 30" E.

86

Dec 24th

Thursday Eve.

Commences with fine weather with a good breeze from W. S. W.

Mid and latter part the same.

We are having a nice run across this ocean at present and hope we may be favored with these nice winds for a fortnight to come.

It is very pleasant in pleasant weather but very tiresome when bad weather comes on and lasts several days.

Hope soon to be on good whale ground and then if we can be prospered how thankful I shall be for it gives us courage to think the time will come for us to turn round home and I hope with a full ship.

Lat 38° 15' S. Long 103° 38' 30" E.

1857. Ship Gazelle Outward Bound

Dec 25th 87 Friday Eve.

Commenced with fair weather and a good breeze from W. S. W. Mid and latter part much the same with the exception of squalls of rain. The day is Christmas at home but I find Christmas does not come on board of ship the same way it does ~~at~~ the land.

Would like to spend this merry Christmas at home but we are far far away from that land on the coast of N. Holland bound still farther to the East.

Lat 38° 30' S. Long 107° 21' E.

88
Dec 26th Saturday Eve.

Commenced with light breezes from W. S. W. and fine weather. Rather uncommon for this part of the world. Mid and latter part the same.

Lat 38° 38' S. Long 110° 26' E.

89
Dec 27th Sunday Eve.

Commenced with fine pleasant weather - wind W. S. W. and very moderate. Latter part cloudy and very damp.

This a lonely day and it seems very strange to me to go so long and not to attend meeting in the time. I hope the time may come when we shall once more have the pleasure of attending church. It seems a long time to look forward too but may our lives be spared to see it is the wish of - Nellie.

Lat 38° 47' S. Long 112° 38' E.

1857 Across the Indian Ocean

29

Dec 28th 90

Monday Eve

Commenced with fine moderate weather - Wind N. S. W.

Mid and latter part squally with rain. Would like to have a little more breeze to waft us onward a little faster but we must be content as we are favored with such pleasant and smooth days.

Lat 39°12' S. Long 115°02' E.

Dec 29th 91

Tuesday Eve.

Commenced with fine weather and a moderate breeze from N. S. W.

Lowered for Blackfish three boats - all fastened but the Larboard boats were down several times.

The W. and B. boats each got a large one. Towed them to the ship and all hands engaged in cutting them up to be ready to boil to morrow. Think our luck will be better hereafter.

Lat 39°41' S. Long 117°31'45" E.

Dec 30th 92

Wednesday Eve

Commenced with fine breezes and pleasant weather. Raised several sperm whales - lowered three boats and the S. boat struck and killed at 5 o'clock took him alongside and commenced to cut him in.

Did not finish mauling day light.

This is our first whale and a nice one. It is too.

L. Boat 52 lbs

Lat 40°01' S. Long 120°19' E.

First Sperm Whale

1857. Ship Gazelle of N. Bedford

93

Dec 31st

Thursday

Commenced with fine weather but soon blew up a gale of wind.

Commenced to cut the body in got one third down in the blubber room when the blubber piece tore out and away that went over board. Succeeded in getting the junk in also the case - bailed out and the remains on board. Blowing heavy at the time and stopped laid by the whale until morning.

1858

94

Jan 1st

Friday

Blowing a gale of wind from N. N. W. parted from the whale along side in attempting to get him secured on top of the ship but saved the fluke chain.

Commenced to cut in the junk and got it down in the tank - blowing heavy with a heavy sea on.

Hard old N. Years day to all but hope not to see such rugged times often while taking oil.

95

Jan 2nd

Saturday

Commenced with strong breezes from N. N. W. Started fire in the works and began taking the blubber.

Mid and latter part rainy and a very bad swell on.

Lat 39.27 Long 120.52 E.

1858. On the Coast of N. Holland.

96

Jan 3^d

Sunday Eve.

Weather unsettled and cloudy
 Raised a large school of sperm
 whales - lowered three boats
 but it came in thick fog with
 rain the boats had to come on
 board. Finished boiling the
 body to night making 28 lbs
 The weather very bad not able
 to boil the head. Horse too.

97

Jan 4th

Monday Eve.

Commenced with a gale of wind
 from N. N. W. blowing heavy in squalls.
 A very bad sea on.

98

Jan 5th

Tuesday Eve.

Commence with strong breezes
 and a heavy sea from the S. W.

Tried to run but could not on
 account of the sea being in danger
 of losing the boats.

Hope to see better weather
 soon being in a hurry to get clear
 of this bad coast.

Not been able to boil out
 the head yet it being down in the
 tank.

Lat 37° 06' S.

Long 121° 05' E.

1858. Ship Gazelle on N. Holland.

Jan 6th

99

Wednesday

Commenced with rainy weather from S. W. All hands employed in stowing down oil and trying to get the head boiled out but the weather is very unfavorable for it. Blackfish and Porpoises in any numbers around the ship also a large sperm whale but it being so rugged could not lower for him. Hope to have better weather and think we may get considerable oil for whales are plenty.

Oh that fortune might smile upon us and give us some of them as it would be so very acceptable and give us hope that we shall ere long be permitted to return home.

100

Jan 7th

Thursday Eve.

Commenced with strong breezes from W. N. W. steering N. E. in hopes to find sperm whales but have not seen any. Raised Tinsacks. Succeeded in boiling out most of the head yesterday.

We are now bound round on the other side as soon as possible.

Lat 39.23 S. Long 121.49 E.

101

Jan 8th

Friday Eve.

Commenced with strong breezes from W. N. W. with rain.

Mid and latter part the same except rain, but expect a gale of wind is near at hand again as the barometer is low. Oh dear! when shall we get where we shall have better weather?

I am tired of rolling around - bad weather every other day.

Lat 40.01 S. Long 126.00 E.

1858. Bound on New Zealand

33

102

Jan 9th

Saturday Eve.

Commences with fine weather moderate breeze from W. S. W.

Mid and latter part the same wind changed to W. N. W.

All hands engaged in breaking out fore and aft and stowing down the oil of the head.

Another week has passed and how swiftly the moments fly!!

Lat. 40° 55' S. Long 128° 48' 15" E.

103

Jan 10th

Sunday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes from W. S. W. and veering - also squally.

Mid and latter part the same with a bad sea on.

Would like to be at home this Sabbath eve rather than rolling after this rate.

Lat 42° 10' S. Long 132° 52' E.

104

Jan 11th

Monday Eve

Commences with strong breezes from S. W. with a heavy swell on.

When ~~when~~ shall we get over this rolling for I ache and am tired of it.

To day is Carrie F. Davis' 9th birthday and how I would like to see her also the other children.

Hope to live to see that happy day.

Lat 43° 21' S. Long 138° 05' E.
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1858. Ship Gazelle of N. Bedford

105

Jan 12th

Tuesday Eve

Commenced with fine breezes from S. W. with fine weather.

Expect to be off Van Siemen's Land to morrow night.

Mid and latter part the same and we are fast nearing the Pacific Ocean there to get our voyage I hope in a short time.

Lat 43° 56' S Long 141° 33' E.

106

Jan 13th

Wednesday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from the W. steering E.

Mid and latter part strong breezes and the weather looking bad.

Judge ourselves opposite the land and shall be all clear of it by morning.

Lat 44° 16' S. Long 145° 59' E.

107

Jan 14th

Thursday Eve.

Commences with fine breezes from W. S. W. and weather good.

This morning came round on the eastward side of Van Siemen's land with a heavy swell after us. Steering N E by E.

Hope to see sperm whales soon as we are near good whale ground.

We have bid adieu to that wild ocean called the Indian and glad I am.

Lat 43° 45' S. Long 150° 00' E.

108.

Jan 15th

Friday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes from W. & W. weather looking bad

Mid and latter part ~~more~~ pleasanter but barometer very low — think we have got to have a gale of wind.

Lat 42° 33' S. Long 153° 15' E

109

Jan 16th

Saturday Eve.

Commences with strong breezes from West and weather good. Heavy swell from the S. W. Was very much

deceived about the weather last night as it proved to be a squall with the wind changing to the S. W.

Mid and latter part more moderate. Saw a finback close to the ship.

Lat 40° 52' S. Long 156° 51' E.

110

Jan 17th

Sunday Eve.

Commences with moderate breezes changing to E. S. E.

Latter part breezing on for a gale of wind. Barometer very low. So ends this Sabbath.

Not able to get an observation.

1858.

Ship Gazelle of N. Bedford

111

Jan 18th

Monday Eve

Commences with strong breezes from the South. Last night had a blow from the S. E.

Mid and latter part squally and growing more moderate.

To day we are five months out with 50. barrels Sp. oil.

Lat 39.15 S. Long 162.15 E.

112

Jan 19th

Tuesday Eve.

Commenced with fine weather and very moderate.

Mid and latter part the same.

Raised a school of sperm whales at 4 o'clock P. M. Lowered all four boats but did not succeed in getting fast.

Lat 38.36 S. Long 162.03 E.

113

Jan 20th

Wednesday Eve.

Commences with fine beautiful weather and very moderate.

Mid and latter part the same
Saw several Grampus.

Lat 38.29 S. Long 161.52 E.

1858. Cruising on New Zealand.

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Jan 21st 114

Thursday Eve.

Commences with fine weather and a good breeze from E. N. E. Steering N. by E.

Mid and latter part the same.

Lat 37° 18' S. Long 162° 21' E.

Jan 22^d

115

Friday Eve.

Commences with fine beautiful weather. Raised ~~two~~ sail early in the morning. Run down and spoke the Elizabeth Swift - Capt Chase of N. Bedford 38 months out 1600 sp. Capt Chase came on board.

The other ship was the Bark Roscoe Capt Coffin of N. B. Capt Coffin came on board also and had an all day "game". The Roscoe 29 months out 650 sp.

Just at night raised a large school of sperm whales - scattered all around as far as we could see. Looched from all three ships but was not able to get any as darkness came on so quick.

Lat 36° 34' S. Long 161° 53' E.

116

Jan 23^d

Saturday Eve.

Fine weather and strong breezes. Both ships in sight. Raised whales and loosed from all the ships. Capt Chase struck one and got fast but had the line cut by the ~~space~~ ^{space} therefore he lost him. Our worst boat struck but the crew drew. The got capsized and was picked up by the E. Swift's boat.

Chased until night then had to give up minus of a whale. Capt Chase and Coffin came on board and passed the evening very pleasantly.

Lat 35° 44' S. Long 161° 05' E.

1858.

Ship Gazelle. Mr. Baker 3^d Master.Jan 24th 117 Sunday Eve.

Commenced with fine moderate weather. Raised whales again and lowered all three boats in company with the Roseoe but could not strike although chased them until dark.

Look in sail and hove to.

Lat 34.54 S Long 160.31 E.

118

Monday Eve.

Jan 25th Commenced with fine weather with a light breeze from S. E.

Mid and latter part the same wind hauling more to the West.

Nothing in sight to night.

Lat 34.29 S Long 159.39 E.

119

Tuesday Eve.

Jan 26th Commences with good weather and strong breezes from E. S. E.

Busy repairing the jib.

Mid and latter part the same steering N. E. by E trying to get out to the Three Kings.

Nothing in sight or worthy of observation.

Lat 34.08 S Long 160.44 E.

1858. Cruising on New Zealand.

Jan 27th 120

Wednesday Eve.

Commences with fine weather
wind E. S. E. and moderate.

Raised Blackfish - lowered all the
boats but did not strike.

It seems rather hard not to get
whales while we are having such
beautiful weather but suppose it is
all for the best.

Lat 34° 52' S. Long 161° 42' E.

121

Jan 28th

Thursday Eve.

This has been a fine day - the
sea is very smooth with little or no wind
and that veering. Mid and latter
part the same. Nothing worthy of
observation.

Lat 34° 15' S Long 161° 35' E.

122

Jan 29th

Friday Eve.

Still we are favored with another
beautiful day but not any whales
in sight.

Mid and latter part the
same and very moderate.

Lat 34° 16' S Long 162° 20' E.

1858

Ship Gazelle of N. Bedford

Jan. 30th 123 Saturday Eve
 Commences with strong breezes
 from E.N.E. but pleasant.
 Several Grampas' in sight.
 Mid and latter part the same
 with a very bad wind to get to
 the Eastward.

Lat 33° 11' S. Long 164° 05' E.

Jan 31st 124 Sunday Eve.
 Commences with strong breezes
 from E.N.E. and veering.
 Ship heading E by S. trying to
 work in to the Eastward.
 Latter part cloudy and
 barometer falling. think we are
 going to lose the wind out to the
 Westward.

Lat 33° 30' S. Long 164° 59' E.

Feb 1st 125 Monday Eve
 Commences with fine moderate breezes
 from E.N.E. Rather slow getting
 to the Eastward for we have continual
 easterly winds and calms.
 No sail in sight in the
 morning on the other tack.

Lat 35° 08' S. Long 165° 57' E

1858.

On New Zealand.

41

Feb 2^d 126 Tuesday Eve.

Commences with a moderate breeze from N.E. and thick fog.

Mid and latter part strong breeze and blowing on.

Nothing worthy of observation.

Lat 35° 51' S Long 167° 20' E.

Feb 3^d 127 Wednesday Eve.

Commenced with a gale of wind from N.E. Latter part the gale increased and blew very heavy until 12 o'clock then wind changed to the North.

128

Feb 4th Thursday Eve.

The gale has moderated and a strong breeze from North. Mid and latter part very moderate the sea having gone down.

Lat 35° 57' S. Long 168° 15' E.

129

Feb 5th Friday Eve.

Commences with moderate breeze with thick fog. Mid and latter part the fog not so dense.

M. and the Steward busy doctoring the dog that is very bad of with stoppage.

Lat 35° 22' S Long 168° 47' E.

1858

Ship Gazelle of New Bedford

Feb 6th 130 Saturday Eve

Commences with fine weather
and moderate wind West and
veering. Cloudy. Mid and
latter part the same.

The dog is better.

Lat 34° 58 S. Long 169° 15 E.

131

Feb 7th

Sunday Eve.

Commences with a beautiful day
with a moderate breeze from West.
Raised Blackfish lowered all the
boats. The Starboard boat got three
Starboard boat two West and bow
boats got each one making seven in
all. Took them on board and took
the blubber off - thrown the carcasses
overboard. This does not seem
much like Sunday to me I must
confess but hope it will not always
be that we cannot enjoy the privileges
of attending church on the Sabbath.

Lat 34° 14 S. Long 170° 01 E.

132

Feb 8th

Monday Eve.

Commences with light breezes and pleasant
raised a sail. The Stowhounds of Falmouth
Capt. Loby 89 months out with 1000 sp.

Michael went on board and spent the
day. Mid and latter part a good
breeze. M. Brought on board three
small pigs from the M.

Lat 33° 46 S Long 171° 00 E.

1858 Cruising on New Zealand

133

Feb 9th

Tuesday Eve

Commences with strong breezes from S.E. and veering.

Busy mincing the blubber of the Blackfish to boil in the morning. Three sail in sight.

Mid and latter part the same.

Lat 33° 24' S. Long 172° 35' 15" E.

134

Wednesday

Feb 10th

Commences with strong breezes from S.E. Raised a sail to the windward and she came down and spoke us. It was the tartie Capt Beedman of N.B. 18 months out with 400 wh. 350. sp bound North. just out from Mangamui. Reports the Roman Kingfisher M. Peter and Napistie in Port.

To night lost the Cook on board lowered and took him on board not injured at all.

Lat 32° 55' S Long 174° 16' 30" E.

135

Feb 11th

Thursday Eve

Commences with strong breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Raised two sails ran down to them and proved to be the E Swift and towshouks. Capt Chase and Lohy came on board and passed the afternoon and evening very pleasantly. E Swift had not seen anything since we last met with them.

It seems ~~very~~ more sociable to see old acquaintances once in a while and have a real sociable game.

So ends this day.

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1858

Ship Gazelle of N. Rodford

Feb 12th 136 Friday Eve.

Commenced with a moderate gale of wind from S. E. and veering. The Howshonks E. Swift and a bark suppose it the Ababona of Nantucket in sight but fast drawing a head of the steamer and Ababona. The E. S. off our lee beam. Mid and latter part wind rather increasing and veered.

Lat 31° 48' S Long 175° 01' 30" E.

Feb 13th 137 Saturday Eve.

Commenced with a gale of wind from S. E. and veering. Saw sperm whales but could not lower as it was so veered and blowing so.

The E. Swift is still in company with us on the lee beam.

Latter part wind increasing.

Feb 14th 138 Sunday Eve.

Commenced with strong breezes from Eastward and thick foggy weather with rain.

The Howshonks passed by on the other tack.

Latter part more moderate with rain.

Lat 31° 39' S.

1858.

Cruising on New Zealand

139

Feb 15th

Monday Eve.

Commences with rain and fog and little or no wind.

Mid and latter part the same with wind changing to the Southward.

Lat 31° 39' S. No Longitude

140

Feb 16th

Tuesday Eve

Commences with strong breezes from the south and squally with rain.

Raised a ship whaling - ran down and spoke her which proved to be the J. Howland of N. Bedford cutting in a 80 barrel whale that he had just taken.

Mid and latter part the same

Lat 31° 24' S. Long 176° 21' E.

141

Feb 17th

Wednesday Eve

Commences with strong breezes from the south.

Nothing in sight and dull times. When shall we get a whale or whales!! Hope on hope ever

Mid and latter part the same.

Lat 30° 31' S. Long 176° 12' E.

1858.

Ship Gazelle. Pacific Ocean

142

Feb 18th

Thursday Eve.

Commenced with strong breezes from the East. Latter part the same. Raised a school of sperm whales going to windward. — could not get to them tonight but hope to see them to morrow and not only see but get some of them.
Lost my Dog to day.

Lat 31.19 S Long 176.15 E.

143

Feb 19th

Friday Eve.

Commenced with strong breezes from the East with fog and rain. Latter part the same. Ran down and spoke the E. C. Cowdin of Dactmouth 28 months out 550 sp. Capt Bailey came on board although it was very rugged.

144

Feb 20th

Saturday Eve

Commenced with very strong breezes from East with rain and fog. Capt Bailey still on board. Latter part the same and very rugged.

5 o'clock Capt B. went on board his ship.

1858.

Cruising on New Zealand.

47

143 Feb 21st
Sunday Eve.

Commenced with very strong breezes from East with rain — very bad sea on. Latter part the wind has hauled to the West and expect soon to have it out to the S. W. Wind increasing.

The E. C. Cowdin is in company with us off our lee beam.

146

Feb 22^d Monday Eve

Commenced with a gale of wind from the South West with a very bad sea on.

This afternoon the Hiaiwatha Capt Ellis run down across our stern but not near enough to hear his report. Capt Ellis could not come on board after his letters on account of the bad sea. E. C. Cowdin in sight.

Lat 34° 43' S. Long 176° 30' E.

147

Feb 23^d Tuesday Eve.

Commenced with a good breeze from the South with good weather.

Running in to the land and judge ourselves 50 miles from Cape Horn to night. Have outsailed the Cowdin out of sight off deck.

Lat 34° 36' S. Long 175° 06' E.

1858

Ship "Gazelle" of N. Bedford

Feb 24th 148 Wednesday Eve

Weather very fine arrived in at the Bay at 10 o'clock A.M.

At 2 o'clock went on shore and stopped until dark and had quite a company of captains on board as there are 17 ships in port and all sperm whalers.

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March 13th

Saturday Eve.

Commenced with thick rainy weather from the S. S. E. sailed from the Bay of Islands at 8 o'clock this morning also the ship Swift and Edward Cary of Kentucky. Latter part more pleasant.

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March 14th

Sunday Eve.

Commenced with fine weather with wind to the S. W.

Two sail in sight at noon but soon disappeared. Latter part the same.

Lat 34° 06' S. Long 175° 50' E.

151

March 15th

Monday Eve

Commenced with fine breezes from the West raised whales lowered all four boats and the Bow boat struck and killed him. The other three boats went off to the leeward after the whales and at 7 o'clock to night they are not in sight.

To sail off to the leeward taking oil by all appearance. Latter part squally with a strong breeze from the South.

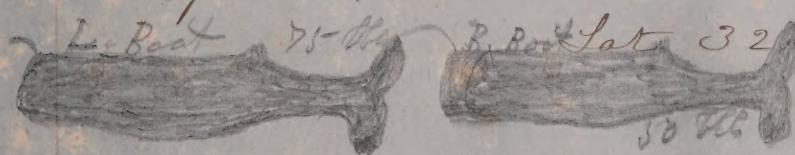
1858 Cruising on New Zealand

March 16th 152 Tuesday Eve

Commenced with fine weather wind S.W. Every one on board employed all night in making lights and watching for the boats. The night passed and daylight came and still no boats in sight.

It was indeed an anxious moment for us to ship in sight and we had to cut from our whale alongside and set all signals for her to run down to us. It was the Amethyst of N.B. We separated so as to spread our chances when soon the signals from the ship was given that the boats were in sight. Capt Jones met and picked up our whale as we waited.

At 2 o'clock P.M. the boats came on board having killed a large sperm whale to the windward and was forced to leave him to look for the ship. We are in hopes to find him by morning if fortune can but smile on us. If we are doomed to disappointment one after another but live on Hope and I think there is a voyage for us yet if our lives are spared.

Lat Boat 35-40 B. Boat Lat 32-17 S. Long 176-17 E.


March 17th 153 Wednesday Eve

Commenced with fine moderate weather and pleasant. Lowered all three boats and went in search of the whale to the windward. Came on board at 6 o'clock not seeing anything of it. It seems hard indeed after having such good weather and not able to find the whale.

Hard luck seems to follow us up still and when shall we shake it off? — Soon I hope.

Lat 32-20 S Long 176-15 E

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March 18th 1854

Thursday Eve

Commenced with fine moderate weather. Raised the whale off in the distance - lowered the boats and towed him to the ship. Took him along side about 4 o'clock and commenced cutting. Started the works and took in all his body that night.

155

March 19th

Friday Eve.

Another beautiful day which favored us much for cutting and boiling. Took his head in and the ocean is as smooth as the deck.

Spoke the Alabama and Amythist and Capts Coffin and Jones came on board and spent the evening.

Our oil on board the Amythist is all ready to take on board.

I cannot complain hereafter for we have saved all of one whale and been favored with a beautiful smooth time. The two whales will make us over 100 barrels and not a week out from port.

156

March 20th

Saturday Eve

Commenced with fine breeze from the S. E. and pleasant.

The Amythist in sight. All hands engaged in boiling and mincing blubber. At 4 o'clock went on board the Amythist and towed our oil on board. Capt Jones came on board and spent the evening.

Lat 32° 27' N. Long 177° 38' E

1858 Cruising on New Zealand.

March 21st 157 Sunday Eve.

Commences with pleasant weather and a fine breeze from S.E. and seering, all hands engaged about the oil and finished boiling to night.

Mid and latter part stronger breezes from the S.E.

Lat 33.13 S Long 176.15 E.

158

March 22^d Monday Eve

Commences with fine weather wind S.E. All hands engaged in setting up casks and stowing down oil.

Mid and latter part the same

Lat 32.48 S Long 176.38.30 E.

159

March 23^d Tuesday Eve

Commences with strong breezes from S.E. all hands engaged in stowing down oil and finished to night having stowed down 97 barrels sperm.

Mid and latter part the same.

160

March 24th Wednesday Eve.

Commences with light breezes from the S.E. with fog and rain.

Saw several Tinbacks.

Mid and latter part the same with wind more to the south Cooper is quite sick with the inflammation of the bowels

Lat 31.34 S.

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Ship "Gazelle" of N. Bedford.

March 25th 161 Thursday Eve.

Commenced with very strong breezes from the South with rain and fog.

Nothing in sight although on good whale ground.

Mid and latter part strong breezes but pleasant

Lat 31.30 S Long 179.25 E

162

March 26th

Friday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from S E and rugged. Steering into the East to make French Rock. Raised a sail and she came down which proved to be the Sea King of Nantucket 18 months out with 400 sp. Capt Davis came on board and stopped to tea.

Lat 31.02 S Long 180.40 E.

163

March 27th

Saturday Eve.

Commenced with strong breezes from S. S. E. and rugged. Three ships in sight ran down and spoke the Elizabeth Capt Pierce of N. Bedford 30 months out with 1000 bbls sp. Capt P. came on board. Ran down to the ship of the second which proved to be the Onidie of N. B. 5 months out with 20 sp. Capt Vincent came on board and spent the evening. Capt P. stopped with us. The third ship we did not know.

March 28th 164

Sunday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from Eastward with a bad sea on. Capt Pierce still on board with us and in hopes to see whales here but as yet have not.

Shall stop round here until after the full of the moon and then go to the westward if we see nothing here. Mid and latter part the sea

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March 29th 165 Monday Eve

Commenced with very strong breezes from the East nothing in sight that looks like whales and if so the weather is not fit to whale it as it is so very rugged. The Elizabeth in company with us. This afternoon Capt Price went on board also Michael. Hope soon to see whales again.

166

March 30th

Tuesday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from the eastward. Spoke the E. Swift. Capt Chase came on board and spent the evening. Heard of the E.C. Cowdin taking a whale yesterday. The Elizabeth in sight. No whales in sight.

Lat 31. S Long 179. 40 E.

167

March 31st

Wednesday Eve

Commenced with very strong breezes from eastward steering N.W. by W. No whales in sight but a large number of ships in sight through the day.

The weather to night looks very windy and rugged. The Elizabeth in company with us.

168

April 1st

Thursday Eve

Commenced with very strong breezes from the S.E. and a bad sea on. The weather looks bad. Nothing in sight that looks like whales. After 4 o'clock ran down to the Elizabeth and Capt Price came on board, although it is very rugged.

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April 2^d 169

Friday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from the E. nothing in sight. Capt Pures still with us. Run down to the Elizabeth and Mr Hoare Mr Baker and Alfred Smalley came on board and spent the evening. We had a very pleasant game and all seemed to enjoy it. It much. We talked very fast and between whiles we had some music.

Lat 30° 47' S Long 177° 09' E

170

April 3^d

Saturday Eve

Commenced with light breezes from S E and very pleasant. Oh if we could but see whales and get them for it is so seldom we have so good a day. The Elizabeth off to the leeward

Lat 31° 37' S Long 176° 21'

April 4th 171

Sunday Eve

Commenced with light breezes and weather very fine. We went on board the Elizabeth and spent the day very pleasantly returned at dark and it was very calm. This is indeed a beautiful Sabbath eve.

Lat 31° 40' S Long 176

April 5th 172

Monday Eve

Commenced with fine breezes and pleasant weather. Nothing in sight that looks like whales but hope soon too.

To night the weather looks bad and think there is a storm for us to enjoy before a great while.

Lat 32° 00' S Long 176° 49' E

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- April 6th 173 Tuesday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze from N. E. with rain. Thick - cannot see but a short distance. Latter part - weather looks bad and breezing on. The Elizabeth off our lee beam.
- April 7th 174 Wednesday Eve
Commenced with a gale of wind. wind N E and breezy - rainy and bad weather. Latter part wind changed to the West and think we shall have better weather. Strong breeze.
Lat 33.02 S Long 177.57 E
- 175
- April 8th Thursday Eve
Commenced with light breeze from the West and weather fine. What beautiful weather to get whales but nothing in sight. The Onida off our weather beam also the Elizabeth
Lat 33.27 S Long 178.20 E
- April 9th 176 Friday Eve
Commenced with fine weather and light breeze from N N E. Two Sloopbacks came round the ship this afternoon. Fitted the rudder to day. The Onida went out of sight to night.
Lat 32.07 S Long 178.56 E
- 177
- April 10th Saturday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze from N N E with rain and thick fog. Six ships in sight and we cutting a whale. This afternoon ran down to the Lizzie and Capt Pierce came on board.
- April 11th 178 Sunday Eve
Fine beautiful weather and a moderate breeze from the W. Capt Pierce on board. This afternoon spoke the E. C. Cowdin. Capt Bailey and Mrs Moulton came on board and stopped the evening. Had a very pleasant game.
Lat 31.37 S Long 178.13 E

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April 12th 179 Monday Eve

Commenced with fine weather but nothing in sight either whales or ships. Looking very anxiously for whales.
Lat 30.37 S Long 178.38 E.

April 13th 180 Tuesday Eve.

Fine weather and light breezes ~ looking hard for whales. The Rodman is off to the leeward. Capt Robert took his boat and came on board and passed the afternoon and evening.
Lat 30.00 S Long 178.50 E.

April 14th 181 Wednesday Eve

Commenced with light breezes and fine weather but nothing in sight that looks like whales.
Lat 30.59 S Long 178.49 E.

April 15th 182 Thursday Eve

Commenced with fine breezes and beautiful weather. Six ships in sight one was the James Arnold. Ran down to one supposing it to be the Com. Morris but it proved to be the Nargansett of Nantucket. Capt Gardner came on board also Capt Bailey of the E.C. Cowdrey.

April 16th 183 Friday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes and fine weather with a bad sea on. Looking very wishfully for a whale, for it is so discouraging to go so long without seeing or taking oil. Mid and Catel part the same. Nothing in sight.

Lat 30.30 S. Long 178.15 E.

184

April 17th Saturday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes and fine weather. Where O! where is the whale? Nothing in sight that looks like whales.
Lat 30.11 S. Long 179.52 E.

185

Sunday Eve.

April 18th Commenced with strong breezes a good weather. Made Macanley Island - ran down between it and Carter's Rocks in hopes to see whales but alas! we are doomed to the same disappointment as usual.

One sail passed to the North this afternoon

Lat 30.20 S. Long 180.50 W.

1858 Cruising off New Zealand ~

- April 19th 186 Monday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze and squally. In sight of Macauleys Island this morning. Saw a ship of to the windward cutting a large whale - suppose it to be the E. Swift. This afternoon the James Arnold and Sophia Thorntons passed by on the other tack.
- April 20th 187 Tuesday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze from Westward and very squally. Saw the E. Swift boiling. Spoke the Howards of Talmouth, Gout Island and Curtis Rocks in sight
Lat 30-16 S Long 178-10 W.
- April 21st 188 Wednesday Eve
Commenced with light breezes and cloudy weather. Nothing in sight but ships and those are plenty. The Albatross of Nantucket ran down close to and Michael went on board. Where are the whales?
- April 22nd 189 Thursday Eve
Commenced with light breezes from S.E. with a powerful rain. Spoke the E. Swift boiling a whale. Michael went on board and stopped until afternoon when Capt Chase came on board. The Mohawk and E. Corning sailed close by to night. Latter part squally and weather looking bad. Lat 30-15 S.
- April 23rd 190 Friday Eve
Commenced with bad weather and blowing heavy in squalls. Four sail in sight but nothing that looks like those long looked for whales however I live in hopes that our turn may come soon. Latter part the same.
- April 24th 191 Saturday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze from S.W. and very squally. Looking hard but in rain. Spoke the Mohawk and E. Corning passing. Michael went on board the Mohawk to carry some letters as she is bound home. Latter part weather good and more moderate.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

April 25th 192 Sunday Eve.

Commences with light breezes and pleasant weather. The E. Corning and Elizabeth in company with us - also several other ships in sight. Capt. Peirce came on board and stoped all night.

April 26th 193 Monday Eve.

Commences with fine breezes from N. N. W. and fine weather. Off Macaulay's Island. Run down past the island also Curtis's Rocks. The two shanks close by us to night. Latter part squally - Capt. Peirce went on board.

April 27th 194 Tuesday Eve.

Commences with squally weather with thunder. Wind N. N. W. and ~~very~~ to the W. Latter part more moderate and wind S. W.

April 28th 195 Wednesday Eve.

Commences with squally weather with rain. Saw Green Rock - passed it steering into the South. Wind W. and latter part blowing heavy in squalls.

April 29th 196 Thursday Eve.

Commences with a gale of wind from S. W. Two ships in sight - the Elizabeth & two shanks very bad sea on. Latter part more moderate but squally.
Lat 31.50 S. Long 179.10 W.

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April 30th Friday Eve.

Commences with fine breeze from the west. Raised a ship off to the leeward whaling. Put on sail and run down - lowered S. W. & Bow boat. The W boat struck also the Starboard boat. Very squally at the time. Took him along side at dark. The two shanks got a whale but the other which was the longest did not get any. The Elizabeth close by at dark. Have not seen whales before for over six weeks. To night getting ready to cut him in in the morning in W Boat.



1858 Cruising off New Zealand

- May 1st 198 Saturday Eve
Commences with fine weather - wind West. Commenced cutting by daylight. At 12 o'clock had him all in. Breezing on strong and growing rugged. The Elizabeth ran down and Capt Pease came on board to tea. Started the works at dark. Very squally.
- May 2nd 199 Sunday Eve
Commences with a gale of wind from the Westward with lightning - very squally with rain. Afternoon blowing heavy in squalls - had to cool down the works. Wind changed to the South and very rugged. At 1 o'clock at night a school of whales passed by the ship. Very sharp lightning all night.
Lat 31° 24' S. Long 177° 12' W.
- May 3rd 200 Monday Eve
Commences with a gale of wind from W. finished boiling the blubber but could not work on the head it being so squally and rugged. Wind changed very suddenly to the S. and a heavy sea boarded us.
- May 4th 201 Tuesday Eve
Commences with a heavy gale of wind from the South heavy squalls of wind with very sharp lightning and thunder. Very bad sea on - could not run on that account. Latter part more moderate. Bound N. as fast as we can go to get out of this horrid bad country.
Lat 29° 30' S. Long 177° 40' W.
- May 5th 202 Wednesday Eve
Commences with strong breezes from W. S. W. and rugged commenced to boil the head. Fine weather and sea going down. Bound North. A great contrast in the weather since yesterday morning. Passed Sunday Island.
Lat 28° 46' S. Long 177° 01' W.
- May 6th 203 Thursday Eve
Commences with fine beautiful weather and very moderate. All hands busy in stowing down oil. This makes us 56 barrels the nearer home if we are spared to see that day.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

- May 7th 204 Friday Eve
Commenced with fine breezes from E.
Finished stowing down. Latter part squally
with rain. Lat 25.38 S Long 176.44 W
- May 8th 205 Saturday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from the Eastward
Nothing in sight - weather good.
Lat 24.26 S Long 175.27 W
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- May 9th Sunday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from Eastward and
quite rugged. Saw the Onيدا and James Arnold
The J. A. came down and spoke us and we and myself
went on board and stopped until night. Latter
part the same with a little rain.
- May 10th 207 Monday Eve
Commenced with very strong breezes from East
and a very bad sea on. Latter part blowing a
gale of wind for a rarity. Oh what a country!!
Lat 24.36 S.
- May 11th 208 Tuesday Eve
Commenced with very strong breezes from the Eastward
and very rugged. Spoke the Swift of N. B. nothing
since leaving port. Latter part the same blowing
a gale of wind almost. Shall work North as soon as
weather will admit. Weather rainy and thick.
- May 12th 209 Wednesday Eve
Commenced with very strong breezes from the Eastward
and a very bad sea on. The Oliver Crocker of N. B. is
off our weather quarter. Lat 25.13 S Long 175.17 W
- May 13th 210 Thursday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from the Eastward and
very rugged. Trying hard to get North and to get
clear of this bad country. This morning two ships in
sight. Mid and latter part the same.
Lat 24.02 S Long 174.40 W

1858 Bound to the Navigator Islands.

May 14th 211 Friday Eve
Commences with very strong breezes from the eastward ship heading N E by N $\frac{1}{2}$ N. This is a rugged passage and has been ever since we left home. Hope soon to be in good weather. Lat 22° 47' S. Long 173.58 W.

May 15th 212 Saturday Eve
Commences with very strong breezes suppose them to be the trades. Noticed the barometer has fallen for them. Weather good but a very bad sea on. To night we are in the latitude of Eoora. Wind E.S.E. Lat 21° 32' S. Long 173° 30' W.

May 16th 213 Sunday Eve
Commences with strong breezes and weather looks like rain. This is a bad country and I should like to see it not that I like it so well she says it pile for so tedious no gales of wind for a change and weather so warm on the line - Lat 20.00 - Lon 172.40 W.
To day is the eleventh year since we were married. Oh! how time passes!

May 17th 214 Monday Eve
To day we have had an assortment of weather first pleasant then rainy with thunder. To night is very pleasant and moderate but cannot tell how long it will last. Lat 19.10 S.

May 18th 215 Tuesday Eve
Commences with light breezes from S.S.W. and weather beautiful. This is the first real pleasant day we have seen for a very long time. All hands busy in breaking out for bread and getting ready to take in water. To night at sunset raised whales lowered L & W boats but night came on to soon. Lat 18° 15' S Long 171° 23' E.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

- May 19th 216 Wednesday Eve
Another fine beautiful day with light breezes from S. W. All hands engaged in breaking out.
Lat 17.40 S. Long 171.07 W.
- May 20th 217 Thursday Eve
Commenced with beautiful weather and wind veering to the E. Very smooth with nice breezes. To night bent new fore topsail and fore sail. Expect to make the land of one of the Navigator Islands
Lat 16.43 S. Long 171.05 W.
- May 21st 218 Friday Eve
Commenced with fine breezes from S E and beautiful weather made the land of Tootoillick. stood to the eastward of the island and at 5 o'clock P.M. was on the north side. Intend to go in and take off water to -maman if weather will admit. Saw coconut trees on the island very plain.
- May 22^d 219 Saturday Eve
Commenced with fine breezes and pleasant weather. Run down and spoke the Alabama of Nantucket. Capt. Coffin came on board and spent the day. Latter part strong breezes but fine weather.
- May 23^d 220 Sunday Eve
A beautiful day with light breezes. Cruising off Tootoillick. This morning raised the Alabama whaling. Landed but the whales went to windward.
- May 24th 221 Monday Eve
Fine weather with light breezes and very warm weather. Nothing in sight that looks like whales. Yesterday a boat came off to the ship with natives.
- May 25th 222 Tuesday Eve
Fine breezes and beautiful weather. A boat with natives came on board with fruit. Reports a sick whale about here.
- May 26th 223 Wednesday Eve
Light breezes and fine weather but a very warm day. Run down and spoke the Shepherdes of Mystic. Capt Watrous and wife also Capt Coffin came on board and had a very pleasant game.

1858 Cruising off Sootovillah - Navigator Island

May 27^a 224 Thursday Eve.
Commenced with very light breezes and fine weather. After 4 o'clock the Alabama raised whales and got fast but lost him also had a boat stove. W. lowered but night came on to soon.

May 28^a 225 Friday Eve.
Commenced with squally weather with rain. Latter part pleasant. Nothing in sight.

May 29^a 226 Saturday Eve.
Commenced with squally weather and very strong breezes with rain. Working to the windward so to go in the harbour in the morning. The Shepherdes and Alabama in sight.

May 30^a 227 Sunday Eve.
Blowing very strong and very rugged also. Laid off the Island for a pilot and after two hours he came on board - took us in the harbour of Pangopangs. Went on shore to church after which we went to the missionary's house and was kindly received. It was a beautiful harbour surrounded by very high mountains on either side.
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June 1st 228 Monday Eve.
Commenced with fine breezes and pleasant weather. Came on board last night and the ship left the harbour at daylight in company with the Hensinger Capt. Hudson of N. Bedford.

June 8th 229 Tuesday Eve.
Commenced with light breezes and squally weather with rain. Saw the Shepherdes take a whale along side. The Alabama is in company with us. Latter part squally and weather looking bad with thunder.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford -

- June 9th 230 Wednesday Eve
Commenced with fine beautiful weather with light breezes from Westward. Capt Watson came on board a few moments. Latter part the same - the ground looking fair for whales as there are plenty of birds and fish round.
- June 10th 231 Thursday Eve
Commenced with light breezes and pleasant weather but very warm. Plenty of birds round the ship.
- June 11th 232 Friday Eve
Fine beautiful weather with very light air. Very warm. Latter part the same. No other sail in sight. Plenty of birds and fish around the ship but no whales which is the one thing looked for so much. Oh! what tedious days!
- June 12th 233 Saturday Eve
Commenced with fine breezes from S.E. and very smooth also warm. Mr Swain of the Albatross came on board and Michael went on board the St. The Kensington is cruising off here also. More ships than whales I think.
- June 13th 234 Sunday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from S.E. squally with rain. Left Tortula for the south to cruise in hopes to find whales where father has been fortunate in years gone by.
- June 14th 235 Monday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes and squally weather with rain. Nothing in sight that looked like whales. Lat 15-30 S. Long 171-52 W.
- June 15th 236 Tuesday Eve
Commenced with fine breezes and pleasant weather Wind East. Fine weather for whales but none in sight. Lat 16-42 S Long 171-50 W.
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June 16th Wednesday Eve
Fine weather and light breezes nothing worthy of observation. Lat 17-30 S Long 171-09 W

1858. Cruising for sperm whales.

June 17th 238 Thursday Eve

Commenced with good breezes from S W steering N as there is nothing here that looks like the cove looked for whales. 12 o'clock raised a ship which proved to be the Young Hector Capt. Hayer of N. B. 9 1/2 months out with 130 bbls sp. The captain came on board and spent the afternoon.

Lat 16° 38' S Long 170° 42' W.

June 18th 239 Friday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from E steering in for the island of Tutuila. Made the land 10 o'clock A.M. in company with the Y Hector. After coming round the north side raised the Elizabeth also raised whales. Lowered all four boats. The S. boat struck and killed him. The S & W boat has not got on board. The Elizabeth got 2 whales.

Lat 14° 20' S Long 170° 29' W

June 19th 240 S B Saturday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from S.E. and very rugged. Cut and took in the whale - got all ready to boil in the morning. He went on board the Elizabeth this afternoon.

June 20th 241 Sunday Eve

Commenced with very strong breezes from S.E. and very rugged. All hands busy boiling out the whale. Latter part more moderate. Capt Pierce came on board last night and stopped until tonight then went on board.

June 21st 242 Monday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes from S.E. and rugged. Four sail in sight. Grampas round the ship. Latter part the same weather good.

June 22nd 243 Tuesday Eve

Commenced with strong breezes wind S.E. and pleasant. Went in to Massacre Bay and he went on shore to trade in company with the Y Hector and Elizabeth. Capt Pierce came on board.

But Brought on board plenty of coconuts oranges &c.

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Ship "Lazelle" of N Bedford

- June 23^d 244 Wednesday
Commenced with strong breeze from S E and rugged - weather good. The Shepherdes came down and spoke ad and Capt Watrous came on board. Full times.
- June 24th 245 Thursday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze from S.E. and weather good. This forenoon Capt Pierce came on board a few moments as we are bound off for the line in company with the Y. Hector. Capt Hooper came on board and stopped the day. We are bound direct to the line to try our fortune there and hope to be fortunate. Adieu to Tutuile for this season. Steering by the wind
- June 25th 246 Friday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze & squally weather wind variable by Hector in sight ship heeling Sth by S under double reefed topsails and all not very smart and very heavy seas, indeed mist & latter part much the same
No No
- June 26th 247 Saturday Eve
Commenced with fine breeze S E and variable also squally. The Y. H. still in company with us. Latter part fine weather.
- June 27th 248 Sunday Eve
Commenced with very strong breeze from S E and squally. Saw Frigbacks playing round. Latter part the same. Lat 9.30 S Long 168.25 W
- June 28th 249 Monday Eve
Commenced with very light breeze from W and veering to the S. Latter part almost a calm with showers of rain. Lat 9.26 S Long 168.08 W.
- June 29th 250 Tuesday Eve
Commenced with very light breeze from S.E. The Y Hector in sight to the leeward. Some birds seen the latter part of the day. Very moderate. Lat 8.41 S Long 167.29 W.

Bound for the line to Cruise for Whales

June 30th 251 Wednesday Eve
Commenced with light breezes from E and beautiful weather. Latter part strong breeze. Waited for the Y Hector to come up with us and Capt Wager came on board and spent the evening. Lat 6°42' S Long 167°10' W.

July 1st 252 Thursday Eve
Commenced with strong breeze and squally wind E and ~~the~~ bounded into the N. N. birds a fish in sight. Oh when shall we see those long looked for whales! Lat 5°08' S Long 166°59' W.

July 2^d 253 Friday Eve
Commenced with fine breeze from E and weather good. Making our way to the line as soon as we can get there and in hopes to meet with prosperity Lat 3°26' S Long 167°13' W.

July 3^d 254 Saturday Eve
Commenced with fine breeze and weather good wind E. Porpoise and flying fish seen to day. Latter part the same. To day is my mother's birthday being 52 years old. How time flies! Time is hurrying us along and to day we are separated from our dear friends at home and all its pleasures but if our lines are spared we shall soon be in that loved land of N. England where I hope to meet all those dear friends enjoying the best of health. Lat 1°43' S Long 167°11' W.

July 4th 255 Sunday Eve
Commenced with fine breeze and squally weather. Nothing in sight that looks like whales although the water looks like good whale ground. Went on board the Y Hector and spent the 4th very pleasantly. Ah! how different this day from one year ago - then we were at home enjoying the good times but now we are far far away from such. We can only live on the hope of once more enjoying such as formerly and may the time speedily come!

July 5th 256 Monday Eve
Light breeze and good weather but no whales. How there are they? Lat 1°03' N Long 166°45' W.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford.

- July 6th 257 Tuesday Eve
Commenced with fine breezes from E and weather good. Ship heading S E by S but nothing in sight. How tiresome to go day after day and not to see whales but we have to get used to such and if spared to get a voyage and to arrive in N.B. with it we will never experience such anxieties again.
Lat 00.50 S Long 166.49 W.
- July 7th 258 Wednesday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from E with squall of rain. Mid and latter part the same. The S Hector has gone out of sight.
Lat 1.13 S Long 166.28 W.
- July 8th 259 Thursday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from E and everything having the appearance of good whale ground. After 12 o'clock tacked ship heading to the S.
Lat 00.29 S Long 166.20 W.
- July 9th 260 Friday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from E and good weather. Ship heading N but nothing in sight. Latter part the same.
Lat 00.48 S Long 166.45 W.
- July 10th 261 Saturday Eve
Commenced with strong breezes from E and pleasant weather. Sounded two boats for Blackfish but could not get fast. Latter part fine breezes and showery.
Lat 00.20 N Long 166.45 W.
- July 11th 262 Sunday Eve
This has been a fair beautiful day and looking hard for whales but we are tired of looking in vain. Oh if we could have encouragement of getting a voyage but let us keep up good courage and hope the day is not far distant ere we may be prospered. How often does my thoughts wander far over the sea to our home there and wish we might be permitted to enjoy their privileges and to associate with them for a while at least but far from that! Ah well! the day may come and I hope soon when these anxious days will be among the past and we permitted to return home in safety. Latter part Porpoises seen.
Lat 00.00 Long 166.37 W.

1858. Cruising on the line for sperm whales

- July 12th 263 Monday Eve
Commenced with fine breezes and pleasant weather yet nothing in sight. Latter part the same.
Lat 00.06 N Long 164.36 W
- July 13th 264 Tuesday Eve
Fine beautiful weather and good breeze from E San porpoises but no whales
Lat 00.03 S Long 167.25 W
- July 14th 265 Wednesday Eve
Fine ~~weather~~ and strong breeze from E. Saw Grampas and small fish. Latter part more moderate.
Lat 1.02 S Long 168.35 W
- July 15th 266 Thursday Eve
Fine weather and light breeze bound to the westward farther to see if nothing looks more prosperous. Everything looks dark enough here
267 Lat 00.38 S Long 169.45 W
- July 16th 267 Friday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Nothing heard from mast heads - all is still. "Hope on hope ever".
Lat 00.11 S Long 171.15 W
- July 17th 268 Saturday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant weather but nothing in sight. Latter part the same. Lat 00.25 S Long 172.54 W
- July 18th 269 Sunday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant weather and still the same cry "nothing for us!" To day we are 11 months out with only 210 bls. Oh! when are we to get oil to see some prospect of once more getting home but the day is not far distant I hope when we may be doing well. How tedious and more than tedious are one of these voyages. Lat 00.15 S Long 173.36 W
- July 19th 270 Monday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Saw plenty of porpoises round and some fish.
Latter part the same. Judge ourselves S E of New Nantucket or Baker's Guano Island. Hope to see whale tomorrow.
Lat 00.32 S Long 175.36 W

1858

Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

July 20th

271

Tuesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Some birds and saw a school of Blackfish. Last night the Steward had a fit and is now very sick.

Lat 00.14 N Long 176.05 W.

July 21st

272

Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Made the land of New Nantucket about 3 o'clock P.M.

We went on shore with two boats and brought on board some guano and birds eggs.

The Steward is very low having had 4 fits to day.

Lat 00.14 N Long 176.40 W.

July 22^d

273

Thursday Eve

Fine weather and moderate. The Steward died in a fit this morning at 1/2 past 3 o'clock. Through his sickness which has been very singular he has been rational at times but never spoke of his wife. We succeeded in reaching N. Nantucket after taking to our boats for some distance about 5 o'clock P.M. and buried him after reading the 90th Psalm.

His name was Isaac Robinson aged 28 years.

How uncertain is life! It was a great consolation to think we could give him a burial on shore on an island that is covered with birds and the earth is composed of guano which will probably preserve him for years in this state. I landed on the island with the others and it was a solemn sight to see three boats crew standing round the grave of one that has been with us for eleven months and then to come off leaving him behind. It was beautiful landing on the lee side - no trouble whatever. The American Guano Company have erected a building and in it lumber &c also three boats. The birds hover over the island in clouds and at night they come into the land to their home.

July 23^d

274

Friday Eve

Fine beautiful weather with porpoises and Albacor round the ship.

Oh! where are the whales?

Lat 00.16 N Long 177.20 W.

1858. Cruising on the line for sperm whales

July 24th 275 Saturday Eve
 Fine weather and moderate - Saw blackfish porpoises and small fish. Latter part the same
 Lat 00.00 Long 178° 18' W.

July 25th 276 Sunday Eve
 Fine weather and light breeze. Nothing in sight. How long have we got to go without seeing whales? It is so tiresome. Lat 00.04 N. Long 179° 24' W.

July 26th 277 Monday Eve
 Fine weather and good breeze. This forenoon saw fish and white water. Latter part nothing in sight. Lat 1.05 S Long 180° 04' W.

July 27th 278 Tuesday Eve
 Fine weather and good breeze. Saw breches twice to day and hope they may prove to be whales for we are so anxious to take oil but we must wait our turn with patience. Lat 1.08 S. Long 180° 22' E.

July 28th 279 Wednesday Eve
 Fine weather and pleasant weather but no whales. The same story continued. Lat 00.52 S Long 179° 13' E.

July 29th 280 Thursday Eve
 Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Looking very dull indeed. Lat 00.18 N Long 178° 03' E.

July 30th 281 Friday Eve
 Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Nothing in sight. Expect to be off Byron's Island to morrow. Lat 1.12 S Long 176° 45' E.

July 31st 282 Saturday Eve
 Fine breeze and squally weather. This morning was off Byron's Island and any amount of canoes came off to the ship. They were very friendly and brought some fowls, hats and coconuts to trade. A very noisy company they were never had missionaries to live among them although there are several white men living on the island. The island lies in the latitude of 1° 20' S.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

- Aug 1st 283 Sunday Eve
 Fine breezed and pleasant weather. Made
 Rotch's Island and many natives came on board
 with hogs and fowls. Two of them stopped
 on board to go to sea as we were short of
 men. Nothing in sight Lat 2° 16' S. Long 175° 25' E
- Aug 2^d 284 Monday Eve
 Fine weather and light breezed. Saw a sail
 this morning a bark. This afternoon sighted
 the islands of Drummonds and Sidenham.
 Saw porpoises and small fish but no whales.
- Aug 3^d 285 Tuesday Eve
 Fine breezed and pleasant weather. Saw porpoises
 This morning passed by the island of Drummonds
 and several canoes came off but we would not
 stop for them. This afternoon passed by Sidenham
 island very close so we could see the reef that
 extended out to the west very plain.
 Lat 00.45 S Long 175° 14' E
- Aug 4th 286 Wednesday Eve
 Fine breezed and pleasant weather.
 Passed by Sidenham's Island again to day.
 Saw porpoises and small fish but
No Whales. O Deas!!!
- Aug 5th 287 Thursday Eve
 Fine breezed and pleasant weather. Plenty
 of porpoises round. Bound to the windward
 of Ocean Island to cruise this month.
 Lat 00.10 S Long 172° 03' E.
- Aug 6th 288 Friday Eve
 Fine breezed and pleasant weather. Saw
 plenty of small fish and porpoises round
 This afternoon lowered for blackfish and we
 struck one very large one and took him alongside
 after dark. Lat 1.04 S. Long 171° 21' E.

1858. Cruising on the line for sperm whales.

Aug 7th 289 Saturday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Some fish and porpoises seen. Another week has passed and no whales. Tedious very! Lat $00.25 S$. Long $171.17 E$.

Aug 8th 290 Sunday Eve

Fine weather and moderate breeze. Saw several sprouts but could not tell what it was. supposed it to be finbacks. Latter part squally with much rain. Lat $00.10 S$. No Obs

Aug 9th 291 Monday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Raised a sail which proved to be the Y Hector bound E having seen whales about Byron's Island. Capt Hager came on board and spent the day. We are working to the Eastward in company hoping to see whales for we have not seen the spout of a whale since the 18th of June. Lat $00.21 S$. No Obs

Aug 10th 292 Tuesday Eve

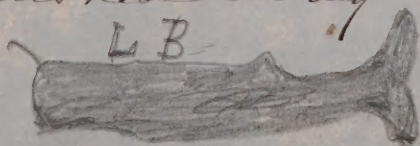
Fine breeze and pleasant weather but no whales. The Y Hector - is in the beam and working into the eastward. Part very moderate. Lat $00.26 N$ Long $171.17 E$.

Aug 11th 293 Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather bound E. The Y. H. still with us. Saw Porpoises. Lat $00.57 S$ Long $172.05 E$

Aug 12th 294 Thursday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Raised a large school of sperm whales this afternoon - lowered all four boats and the L boat struck. The Y Hector boats were in company but they did not strike. The whales were going into the East. At 8 o'clock to night finished cutting him in and braced forward.

Lat $00.57 S$ Long $172.28 E$

1858

Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

Aug 13th 295 Friday Eve
 Fine, breezes and pleasant weather.
 All hands busy in mincing blubber and
 boiling. The T. Hector is not in sight to day
 Lat 00° 37' S Long 173° 23' E

Aug 14th 296 Saturday Eve
 Fine breezes and beautiful weather
 Saw two ships spoke them which was the
 Roscoe Capt Coffin of N B also the Joseph
 Butler of the same port who reported seeing
 whales round the Group. Saw Sydney Island
 to day.

Aug 15th 297 Sunday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant weather. One
 sail in sight. This afternoon the Roscoe came
 down to us and Capt Coffin came on board
 and spent the afternoon and evening. Sydney
 Island in sight all day.
 Lat 00° 29' S

Aug 16th 298 Monday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant weather
 Ran in close to Hendersonville's and Woodley
 Island and a few canoes came off with trade
 The Roscoe in company with us and Capt
 Coffin came on board. Left at dark for the
 S. W. where we saw the last whales.
 Lat 00° 08' N Long 173° 27' E (true)

Aug 17th 299 Tuesday Eve
 Fine beautiful weather and where are
 the whales? Saw breaches this forenoon but
 did not know what it was.
 Lat 1° 05' S Long 172° 25' E

Aug 18th 300 Wednesday Eve
 Strong breezes and pleasant weather. All
 hands busy in breaking out and stowing down oil
 The small whale we took off Tutuila and the last one
 stowed down 33 lbs which was rather slow getting a
 voyage but hope soon to do better. One year out to day
 and may have been the changes with me in that
 time. Seen much that is new and interesting.
 Lat 1° 50' S Long 172° 33' E

1858

Cruising for sperm whales on the line

Aug 19th 301 Thursday Eve.

Fine breezes and pleasant weather.

Standing to the north but nothing in sight.

Lat 00° 58' S. Long 172° 28' E.

Aug 20th 302 Friday Eve.

Fine breezes and pleasant weather looking hard for whales but they do not make their appearance. Oh what tedious cruising this is! "It tries men's souls."

Lat 1° 00' S. Long 172° 00' E.

Aug 21st 303 Saturday Eve.

Moderate breezes and very warm but pleasant. Working down toward Ocean Island. Nothing in sight.

Lat 3° 36' S. Long 171° 28' E.

Aug 22nd 304 Sunday Eve.

Light breezes and beautiful weather but no whales in sight! How long! How long! How long have we got to go without getting oil? Patience we must have I suppose.

Lat 00° 24' S. Long 170° 31' E.

Aug 23rd 305 Monday Eve.

Fine weather and moderate breeze. Saw several finbacks also small fish. Shall be off Ocean Island in the morning.

Lat 00° 37' S. Long 169° 53' E.

Aug 24th 306 Tuesday Eve.

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Laying off and on Ocean Island. Heavy rain came on board with trade. At 12 o'clock last night the Roscoe came down and spoke us having seen nothing since we parted.

Aug 25th 307 Wednesday Eve.

Light breezes and fine weather. Ocean Island in sight also the ship Roscoe. Have seen all kinds to day but the right kind and hope soon to meet with them.

Lat 1° 12' S.

Aug 26th 308 Thursday Eve.

Light breezes and pleasant weather. Just out of sight of Ocean Island and everything looks well for whales. The Roscoe in company with us.

1858

Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

Aug 27th 309 Friday Eve

Commences with light breeze and pleasant weather. Saw a few fish and porpoises. Latter part fine breeze.

Lat 00.13 N. Long 167.53 E.

Aug 28th 310 Saturday Eve

Fine breeze and beautiful weather. Every thing looked dull giving us no encouragement for whales. Week after week passed and it is the same cry - nothing.

Lat 00.34 S. Long 167.24 E

Aug 29th 311 Sunday Eve

Fine breeze and pleasant weather Off Pleasant Island. Several canoes came off but we would not stop for them. The Roscoe laying off and on the Island.

Lat 00.36 S. Long 166.15 E.

Aug 30th 312 Monday Eve

Fist part squally and plenty of rain. Steaming to the westward for Shant's Ground so called and hope to meet with better success than we have so far but fear at the result. Latter part strong breeze and nothing in sight. Tedious & tired of such hoax indeed shall I be if spared to see the end of this voyage - to once more be placed on terra firma Atiponegansette so called. Home is home if ever so homely.

Aug 31st 313 Tuesday Eve

Moderate and squally with some rain. Small fish round the ship also porpoises seen.

Lat 00.47 S. Long 163.35 E.

Sept 1st 314 Wednesday Eve

Very squally with rain. Saw a breach supposed it was a sperm whale but having light breeze could not get to it.

Lat 00.18 S. Long 163.20 E

Sept 2^d 315 Thursday Eve

Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Every thing looked very dull.

Lat 00.26 N. Long 162.55 E.

Sept 3^d 316 Friday Eve

Moderate breeze and very warm weather. The Roscoe came down to us and Capt Coffin came on board and spent the evening.

Lat 00.14 S. Long 162.59 E.

1858

Cruising for sperm oil on the line.

- Sept 4th 317 Saturday Eve
 Light breezes and pleasant weather. Nothing in sight. The Roscoe has gone out of sight bound into Strong's Island. Lat 51° S Long 162° 34' E.
- Sept 5th 318 Sunday Eve
 Moderate breezes and very warm & sultry. Nothing worthy of observation. This is Samuel M Davis' 31st birthday and how I would like to be with them to day. It is very tedious indeed to cruise about here - the weather good but no prospect of getting oil. Lat 1° 28' S Long 162° 17' E.
- Sept 6th 319 Monday Eve
 Moderate breezes and squally with rain. Everything looks very dull indeed. Lat 1° 55' S Long 162° 23' E.
- Sept 7th 320 Tuesday Eve
 Moderate breezes and very warm weather. Saw plenty of porpoises and blackfish. This is my birthday the second one since I left home. Hope I shall not have to spend many more on board ship but soon to see our home on land. Time brings many changes and age is creeping on every birthday that passes. Hope to see many more if permitted to live. Lat 1° 00' S Long 162° 17' E.
- Sept 8th 321 Wednesday Eve
 Very light breezes and pleasant but very dull time. Nothing in sight. Lat 00° 22' S Long 161° 51' E.
- Sept 9th 322 Thursday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant weather but the same old story. Lat 00° 18' S Long 160° 58' E.
- Sept 10th 323 Friday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Nothing in sight - bound south to the Howe's Group. Lat 1° 35' S Long 159° 58' E.
- Sept 11th 324 Saturday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant. Plenty of fish seen to day. Lat 3° 02' S Long 159° 32' E.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

- Sept 12th 325 Sunday Eve
Very light breezes and squally with rain. Plenty of fish seen but none of the large kind. Lat 3° 38' S Long 158° 52' E.
- Sept 13th 326 Monday Eve
Light breezes and fine weather but very warm. Saw porpoises and small fish but no whales. Lat 2° 58' S Long 158° 12' E.
- Sept 14th 327 Tuesday Eve
Good breezes and squally with some rain. Saw porpoises. Lat 1° 06' S Long 157° 55' E.
- Sept 15th 328 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Saw porpoises. Lat 0° 15' N. Long 156° 30' E.
- Sept 16th 329 Thursday Eve
Very light breezes and excessively hot. Saw grampas and a large shark round the ship. Lat 0° 28' N Long 155° 47' E.
- Sept 17th 330 Friday Eve
Light breezes and squally. Wind from the west. Lat 0° 48' N. Long 155° 00'.
- Sept 18th 331 Saturday Eve
Light breezes and pleasant but very warm. Saw Greenwich Island tonight. We are 13 months from home to day and still we have but 230 bbls of oil. Oh dear! how unfortunate we have been. I do hope our hard luck is about to an end. Lat 0° 48' N Long 154° 29' E.
- Sept 19th 332 Sunday Eve
Light air and very calm. Very warm weather. Nothing in sight - very very dull times. Just out of sight of Greenwich Island.
- Sept 20th 333 Monday Eve
Light breezes and pleasant. Saw a large ship off to the leeward and called her a man of war. Plenty of large fish round. Lat 0° 35' N. Long 154° 24' E.
- Sept 21 334 Tuesday Eve
Light breezes and squally. Saw fish and porpoises. Lat 0° 28' N Long 154° 25'

1858 Cruising for Sperm whales.

Sept 22^d 335 Wednesday Eve

First part light breeze - latter part fine breeze. Saw plenty of fish. At 4 o'clock P.M. raised a very large school of whales - lowered all four boats but on account of not having daylight enough did not succeed in taking any.

Lat $00^{\circ}18'S$. Long $154^{\circ}38'E$ true

Sept 23^d 336 Thursday Eve

Very light air and sultry. Saw porpoises, grampas and small fish but did not see the whales as we expected as the wind all died away.

Lat $00^{\circ}01'S$ Long $153^{\circ}47'E$.

Sept 24th 337 Friday Eve

First part light breeze and squally. Last night had a heavy squall. Latter part fine breeze from the south. Very cloudy. No observations.

Sept 25th 338 Saturday Eve

Light air and pleasant. Grampas and fish round also many birds. Lat $00^{\circ}33'S$. Long $154^{\circ}06'E$

Sept 26th 339 Sunday Eve

Light air and pleasant. Saw blackfish and lowered all four boats. The starboard boat struck one large one and towed him alongside. In the afternoon saw another school but did not strike.

Lat $00^{\circ}26'S$. Long $154^{\circ}00'E$.

Sept 27th 340 Monday Eve

Fine breeze and pleasant weather. This morning saw a large water spout come towards the ship but broke before it reached us. Nothing in sight making our way towards New Ireland to try our luck there. It cannot be any more. Wind E N E. Boiled out our blackfish today. Lat $00^{\circ}39'S$. Long $154^{\circ}16'E$

Sept 28th 341 Tuesday Eve

Fine breeze and squally the first part of the day. Bound south. Nothing in sight.

Lat $1^{\circ}46'S$. Long $154^{\circ}32'E$

1858 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford.

Sept 29th 342

Wednesday Eve

Fine breeze from S.E. heading E. First part squally with rain. Latter part pleasant. Nothing in sight. Lat 1.55 S. Long 155.06 E.

Sept 30th 343

Thursday Eve

Strong breeze and squally with wind S.E. by S. heading to the south and hope the wind will come round so we can make the land. Another month has gone and we have got no more oil. Oh! Dear! I am tired to death of this for there are no whales whales. Lat 2.20 S Long 156.00 E.

Oct 1st 344

Friday Eve

Light breeze and squally making a slow progress towards N. Ireland. Latter part the same. Last night sharp lightning all night. Lat 2.38 S. Long 155.42 E.

Oct 2nd 345

Saturday Eve

Strong breeze and pleasant weather heading south under all sail in order to pass the latitude of Fecds Islands. To morrow shall work to the westward towards N. Ireland. We find a strong current setting to the westward. Nothing in sight to night. This forenoon saw humpbacks going to the windward. Lat 3.26 S Long 155.10 E.

Oct 3rd 345

Sunday Eve

Strong breeze and pleasant. Made the islands of Hardy's which were two long islands covered very thick with woods. Saw N. Ireland a head. Saw finbacks porpoises and fish.

Oct 4th 346

Monday Eve

Very light breeze and squally with rain rain. We are to night off N. Ireland and experience the current setting to the S.W. strong. Beautiful country this - plenty of thunder and lightning to have for a change.

Oct 5th 347

Tuesday Eve

First part fine breeze with rain plenty. The land we called N. Ireland has proved to be Bonaventure island which is not laid down right. It bears N.W. from Hardy's and is a very large and lofty island. The current sweeps strong to the south. Latter part very light breeze. N. Ireland is in sight to night. Bound down to it.

1858 Cruising off New Ireland. E. N. Baker.

Oct 6th 348 Wednesday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Off Cape St Mary's to night. Looked for Blackfish but did not strike.

Oct 7th 349 Thursday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Nothing that looks like whales yet. Working hard to get to the N.E. point but do not get along much on account of the strong current setting to the south. This is Susan's birthday and oh! how I would like to see her and all the others at home.

Oct 8th 350 Friday Eve

First part calm but latter part a good breeze. Last night saw a large comet in the west and looked very pretty. We have a very strong current here setting to the south.

Oct 9th 351 Saturday Eve

First part very light air. Latter part good breeze from the west and squally with rain. Last night had bad weather with much rain. Every night we have thick weather with land on either side. This is one of the countries but I cannot say it is one of the good ones though! Nothing in sight and off the N.E. point.

Oct 10th 352 Sunday Eve

First part fine breezed and pleasant. Two canoes came off one very large one and the King was in it. They brought bannanas coconuts and yams and in return they took bottles which pleased them very much. King Dick (so called) came on board. These natives are black with curly hair with their heads powdered with lime. Latter part calm and weather looking bad again for tonight expect to have plenty of rain and lightning.

Oct 11th 353 Monday Eve

Strong breezes and nothing but squalls. Oh! what a mean country - I never want to visit this part of the world again. To day is Michael's 37th birthday which finds him enjoying good health - a great blessing indeed. Dark and rainy.

1838 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

Oct 12th 354

Tuesday Eve

First part calms and we trying to get South towards Cape Denis for we have seen enough of N. Ireland for the present. Latter part fine breezes.

Lat 5.01 S Long 153.02 E.

Oct 13th 355

Wednesday Eve

First part squally with heavy rains. Latter part calms. Saw Finbacks &c

Lat 6.30 S Long 152.42 E.

Oct 14th 356

Thursday Eve

Very light breezes and quite pleasant for the first part of the day but latter part squally.

Nothing in sight. Lat 7.08 S Long 152.09 E

Oct 15th 357

Friday Eve

Very light airs with a small shower of rain. Every thing looks well for whales here but do not see them yet. Hard luck indeed we have Picked up a large stock of wood also a ~~banana~~ tree a float. The current seems to be setting to the S.E. Lat 7.47 S Long 152.10.30 E

Oct 16th 358

Saturday Eve

Light airs and squally with rain. Saw the land to the south of us but cannot tell whether it is Woodlark Island or not for we could not get an observation to noon - neither can we tell whether our Chro. is right. Saw wood drifting by us today.

Oct 17th 359

Sunday Eve

Fine trade winds and sun down and made Woodlark Island and found our Chro. to be 40 miles to far to the Westward. The islands of N. Ireland are laid down to far to the W. by 40 miles.

Nothing in sight - everything looks very dull. (Saw the Comet)

Oct 18th 360

Monday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather which seems very odd indeed to go so long without squalls and rain. Making our way towards the east and then to the South. Oh if we could but be fortunate there for so far bad luck has attended us although we have looked with anxious eyes and seen nothing! Lat 8.18 S Long 154.15 E.

1858 Cruising for Sperm Whales.

Oct 19th 361

Tuesday Eve

Light breeze from E S E and pleasant with the exception of rain and then a shower. Saw a large flock of birds this afternoon also two Sulphur Bottoms so called, trying to get to the east.

Lat 8.16 S Long 155.01 E

Oct 20th 362

Wednesday Eve

Light air and pleasant. Experience a strong current setting to the south. Nothing in sight.

Saw the comet to night.

Lat 8.39 S Long 155.18 E.

Oct 21st 363

Thursday Eve

Strong breeze from E. S. E. and a bad sea. Heading to the south. All hands engaged in filling salt water for ballast which ought to have been sperm oil but we have not seen whales but twice since we came on the line. Hard luck indeed! Lat 9.07 S Long 155.40 E.

Oct 22nd 364

Friday Eve

Strong breeze from E. and squally. Caught a porpoise. Latter part very strong breeze and squally. Mr Horrie has been sick to day.

Lat 9.38 S Long 155.55 E.

Oct 23rd 365

Saturday Eve

Very strong breeze and squally with rain. Trying to pass a shoal having got no observation cannot tell where we are, but judge ourselves to the south. Caught a large shark called the shorel nose shark. Latter part under a reefed topsails with wind very strong also a very bad head beat sea. This is an introduction to a gale of wind I call it.

Oct 24th 366

Sunday Eve

The same weather continued - very thick with rain. Latter part more moderate with a very bad sea on. This forenoon Ezra Lapham fell on board and caught himself by a rope on the side. Rather a narrow chance for him if he had gone astern it being very rugged and two large sharks were just astern. Not able to get an observation.

1858 Ship "Lazelli" Bound South

Oct 25th 367 Monday Eve

First part very strong breezes under double reefs. Latter part more moderate and pleasant. Have been able to get an observation to day. The sea has moderated down very much.

Lat 13° 06' S Long 156° 05' E.

Oct 26th 368 Tuesday Eve

First part very strong breezes from E. and a very bad head beat sea on. Carrying all the sail we can in order to hold our own which makes it very unpleasant, it being so rugged. Latter part looks more moderate but cannot tell how it will be in half an hour from now.

Lat 14° 57' S Long 155° 53' E.

Oct 27th 369 Wednesday Eve

Strong breezes from E. bound south. Tonight wore ship on account of a reef ahead. Very bad sea.

Lat 16° 31' S Long 156° 07' E

Oct 28th 370 Thursday Eve

Strong breezes from E. and pleasant, with a very bad sea on. Latter part the same but the sea is much better than it was. We are fast making our way south when I shall feel as though we were once more in a civilized land.

Lat 17° 14' S Long 156° 39' E.

Oct 29th 371 Friday Eve

Fine breezes and beautiful weather. The sea has gone down very much for we are off Bampton should going with all sail out tonight.

Lat 19° 08' S Long 157° 08' E.

Oct 30th 372 Saturday Eve

Fine breezes from N E and very smooth indeed. Latter part the same but weather looks bad to night. We are once more clear from land which is something new to us. Last night had an addition to the family of hogs of 9 little ones.

Lat 21° 17' S Long 157° 43' E.

Oct 31st 373 Sunday Eve

First part a "norther" blowing and rainy but we are once more free from the land. Latter part wind changed to the W.

To Cruise off New Zealand, 1858.

- Nov 1st 374 Monday Eve
First part rainy and mild very pleasant
At 4 o'clock wind changed to the S.W. and with
it came a very heavy squall of wind and rain. Suffered
too with close reefed main topsail and staysail.
Lat 23.17 S Long 160.11 E
- Nov 2^d 375 Tuesday Eve
Strong breeze and squally. Nothing in sight. Latter
part wind hauled more to the south. Weather is quite
cool for different from N. Ireland. Lat 24.24 S Long 160.33 E
- Nov 3^d 376 Wednesday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Saw finbacks
etc. Raised a sail - signalled her and ran down
and spoke her which proved to be a large merchantman
from Sao Paulo called the H. B. Midway from
Sydney for Hong Kong. Michael went on board and
got some papers. Lat 25.17 S Long 161.00 E
- Nov 4th 377 Thursday Eve
Fine breeze from S.E. and pleasant. Saw
nothing worthy of observation. Lat 25.56 S Long 160.49 E.
- Nov 5th 378 Friday Eve
Fine breeze from E.S.E. heading to the south.
This afternoon saw a sail but soon lost sight
of her. Lat 27.38 S Long 160.26 E.
- Nov 6th 379 Saturday Eve
Strong breeze from S.E. and squally. Saw porpoises
Latter part rainy. Lat 28.34 S Long 160.34 E.
- Nov 7th 380 Sunday Eve
Fine breeze from N.N.E. and pleasant weather. This
afternoon lowered and tried to fire into a Sulphur Bottom
but did not. Expect to be off Lord Howe's Island
to morrow. Lat 30.27 S Long 160.17 E.
- Nov 8th 381 Monday Eve
First part very squally and thick - wind
blowing strong. Latter part more moderate and pleasant.
Sulphur Bottoms round also Finbacks.
Have not seen the land yet.
A dream to be remembered concerning the Bottom.

1858 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

Nov 9th 382 Tuesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant with wind S. Made Lord Howe's Island also saw a sail which proved to be the Brig Kate Capt Miles of Sydney. Capt W came on board to tea.

Nov 10th 383 Wednesday Eve

Strong breeze from S E. Laid off and on this Island and got some potatoes onions &c.

Michael and Mr Robbins went on shore with their boats.

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Nov 17th 384 Wednesday Eve

Fine weather. have just returned on board from Lord Howe's Island. Had a very pleasant visit with Mr Andrews family. Found the people very pleasant and agreeable.

Nov 18th 385 Thursday Eve

First part fine moderate weather with wind blowing to the North. Saw no whales. Spoke the Wm & Eliza of N. H. and Capt Crocker came on board to tea but had to leave early on account of the weather looking bad. Very sharp lightning in the S. W. We are 15 months out to day and still our lines are spread but have been very unfortunate so far.

Nov 19th 386 Friday Eve

Strong breeze and squally weather. Nothing in sight but the Wm & Eliza and the bark Rodman. Capt Babcock came on board and spent the evening. We are bound north of the island to look about.

Our dog Nettle has had an addition to her family of nine little ones.

Nov 20th 387 Saturday Eve

Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Saw few tracks and plenty of birds. No sails in sight.

Oh where can the whales be!! We are so tired looking and seeing nothing. Last week after week passed the same story continued.

Lat 30.32 S Long 158.18 E.

1858 Cruising on the Middle Ground. Nov 1858.

Nov 21st 388 Sunday Eve

Fine beautiful weather. The island in sight this morning proving that we have a very strong current setting to the south.

Nov 22^d 389 Monday Eve

Fine beautiful weather, but not favored by seeing whales. A long time since we have had that pleasure but hope the time may speedily come.

Lat 33.18 S Long 158.07.30 E.

Nov 23^d 390 Tuesday Eve

Fine breeze and beautiful weather - wind N.W. steering to the south. The Naragansett of Nantucket in sight all day.

Lat 34.48 S Long 158.25 E.

Saw sperm whales just at dark

Nov 24th 391 Wednesday Eve

Very strong breeze from N.W. and rugged. Raised whale early this morning - lowered larboard waist and bow boat. The bow boat struck but the iron drew. The larboard boat then struck - turned up a large whale and took him along side. Could not cut on account of it being so very rugged. Hope to see it more moderate in the morning.

Lat 35.00 S Long 158.48 E.

Nov 25th 392 Thursday Eve

Blowing strong and a bad sea on. Commenced cutting in the whale early this morning. Took in the blubber from the body but on account of it being so rugged did not get the head in.

No Observation to day.

Nov 26th 393 Friday Eve

Blowing weather and very rugged indeed. Not able to cut and take in the head. Commenced boiling last night but had to cool down as the sea was so bad. This morning set the works going. Wind South and squally.

Nov 27th 394 Saturday Eve

Fine moderate weather but a heavy swell on. All hands to work getting in the head also boiling. One sail in sight.

Lat 35.02 S Long 158.05 E.

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Nov 28th 395 Sunday Eve

Fine breeze and pleasant. finished boiling this morning. To night the James Allen came down and spoke us - Capt. Terol came on board. The J. Allen 41 mo with 1450 ^{450 wh.} ~~sp~~. Lat 35.41 S Long 157.53 E.

Nov 29th 396 Monday Eve

Fine breeze with wind E and veering to the north. All hands engaged in stowing down oil. To night the weather looked bad and breezy on.

Lat 35.49 S Long 157.53 E.

Nov 30th 397 Tuesday Eve

Very strong breezes from N. E. and veering to the N. The sea bad - no whales in sight. The J. Arnold in sight.

Lat 36.48 S Long 158.52 E.

Dec 1st 398 Wednesday Eve

Blowing a gale of wind. The J. Arnold in sight.

Dec 2nd 399 Thursday Eve

Blowing and disagreeable weather. Wind north. Spoke the J. Arnold 15 1/2 months out with 350 sp. Michael went on board and took tea.

Dec 3rd 400 Friday Eve

Strong breeze from N. Spoke the Narragansett this morning. At 5 o'clock raised a large school of sperm whales - struck three and ~~one~~ ^{two} down. Took the last one along side at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Lat 37.30 S Long 159.05 E.

Dec 4th 401 Saturday Eve

Strong breeze and pleasant. All hands busy last night in getting ready and cutting in the whale. finished taking him in at 1/2 past 7 o'clock this morning. Spoke the James Allen cutting in her second whale. Another ship at the leeward cutting but do not know who it is. Commenced boiling this afternoon.

Dec 5th 402 Sunday Eve

Strong breeze from N. and some rain. Busy boiling. Saw the James Allen boiling.

Lat 38.09 S Long 160.00 E.

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Dec 6th 403

Monday Eve

Rainy and thick. The Oneida came down and spoke us - Capt Vincent - came on board and spent a very pleasant day.

Dec 7th 404

Tuesday Eve

Very light breeze from E and cloudy weather. Two ships in sight - one a sailing. To night raised a large school of whales about five miles off. Landed three boats but there was no mind and did not strike.

Lat 37.30 S.

Dec 8th 405

Wednesday Eve

Fine breeze and rainy in the morning. Wind changed to the South. The J. Allen & Oneida in company. Saw white water and a fin back.

Lat 37.20 S Long 160.17 E.

Dec 9th 406

Thursday Eve

Fine breeze and pleasant. All hands engaged in stowing down oil. The J. Allen in sight. To night commenced raining.

Lat 36.46 S Long None to day.

Dec 10th 407

Friday Eve

Fine breeze and pleasant but latter part squally. The J. Allen in company.

Lat 37.31 S Long 159.55 E.

Dec 11th 408

Saturday Eve

Fine breeze from S.E. and squally. The J. Allen has gone out of sight on the Southern tack. Saw nothing.

Lat 37.46 S Long 160.37 E.

Dec 12th 409

Sunday Eve

Light breeze from E.N.E. and veering to the N. Latter part breezing on. Nothing in sight.

Lat 37.09 S Long 160.20 E

Dec 13th 410

Monday Eve

Rainy and flowy weather - nothing in sight. Latter part blowing a gale of wind - wind N.N.W.

Dec 14th 411

Tuesday Eve

Very strong breeze from S.W. and veering to the North.

Lat 35.45 S Long 159.45 E.

Dec 15th 412

Wednesday Eve

Very strong breeze from S. Bound to Good Hope Island.

Lat 33.39 S Long 159.42 E.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

- Dec 16th 413 Thursday Eve
 Fine breeze from South. To night spoke the Onida of N. B. boiling harem taken two 70 barrel whales also the Sea Gull and Michael went on board after letters.
- Dec 17th 415 Friday Morn
 Fine weather went on shore to Lord Howe Island also in company with Capt Nichols of the Sea Gull capt J. Nichols of the S. Thornton. Capt Vincent of the Onida Capt Sullivan of the J. Arnold.
- Dec 18th 416 Saturday Eve
 Fine moderate weather - came on board to night and bound South.
- Dec 19th 417 Sunday Eve
 Strong breeze from north heading South. Saw nothing yet Lat 33.47 S Long 159.06 E.
- Dec 20th 418 Monday Eve
 Rainy and very strong breeze from North. Latter part blowing in. No Obs.
- Dec 21st 419 Tuesday Eve
 Strong breeze from S.W. and very rugged. Saw a big steering into the East. Lat 34.46 S Long 159.30 E.
- Dec 22^d 420 Wednesday Eve
 Strong breeze and equally. Raised ships whaling lowered at night but did not get near. The J. Arnold & Sophia Thornton got one. There were 9 ships and all whaling.
- Dec 23^d 421 Thursday Eve
 Very light breeze and pleasant. Nine sails in sight two boiling. Lat 35.41 S. Long 159.46 E.
- Dec 24th 422 Friday Eve
 Very light breeze. Went on board the Sea Gull and saw Mrs Nichols. Capt J. Nichols & Capt Fuller was on board also.
- Dec 25th 423 Saturday Eve
 Strong breeze from E.S.E. Lowered for Blackfish and Starboard & Larboard boat got one. Five ships in sight. This is Christmas to day and was in hopes to get a large whale as a present. Lat 35.48 S Long 159.12 E.

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Dec 26th 424

Sunday Eve

Strong breeze from E.N.E. and squally. Saw five backs.
Lat 37.00 S Long 159.00 E.

Dec 27th 425

Monday Eve

Very strong breeze from N.N.E. and squally.
Lat 37.48 S Long 159.48 E.

Dec 28th 426

Tuesday Eve

Blowing a gale of wind; Saw whales - lowered two boats but had to call them on board it blowing on and very squally. Squally with rain - wind changed to the South. Saw the whales again to night but too late to lower.

Lat 37.50 S Long 159.48 E

Dec 29th 427

Wednesday Eve

Very strong breeze from South. Raised the whales at sunrise - lowered four boats. The bow boat struck a very large whale and turned him up after starting two boats very little. Took him alongside at 11 o'clock and soon commenced cutting but had to give it up after taking the jaw in for it was too squally.

Dec 30th 428

Thursday Eve

First part more moderate. - commenced cutting. Took the body in also the head but it grew very squally. Took the case on deck but it was a very heavy strain - broke lash rail. Hard work to get it on board again for it was blowing on. Commenced boiling to night.

Dec 31st 429

Friday Eve

Strong breeze from S.E. and squally. All hands engaged in boiling. The Carpenter and Mr. repairing boats.

So ends the year 1858 and that we may live to see many more - with a safe arrival home once more is the wish of

1859. Eleanor N. Baker

Lat 36.19 S Long 159.49 E.

Jan 1st 430

Saturday Eve

First part strong breeze and pleasant weather. Wind S.E. Busy boiling on this the first day of the year and hope we shall continue to be prosperous through the year.

Lat 35.52 S Long 159.45 E.

Jan 2nd 431

Sunday Eve

Fine breeze and beautiful weather. Spoke the Sea Gull and Capt. Nichols came on board. Last night spoke the J. Arnold - she is in sight to the leeward.

Lat 36.36 S Long 158.20 E.

1859.

Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford.

- Jan 3^d 432 Monday Eve
 Fine beautiful weather - wind S.E. All hands busy
 stowing down ice in the fore hold. Three ships seen in sight
 to day
- Jan 4^d 434 Tuesday Eve
 Very strong breeze from South first part of
 the day - Two ships in sight. Latter part blowing
 a gale of wind and very rugged. Lat 37.18 S Long 158.09 E.
- Jan 5th 435 Wednesday Eve
 First part blowing a gale of wind with a bad
 sea on. Latter part more moderate. Nothing in sight
 Lat 37.22 S Long 158.36 E
- Jan 6th 436 Thursday Eve
 First part more moderate but a very bad sea on.
 Wind S.E. and veering. Latter part the same. Nothing
 worthy of observation. Lat 37.20 S. Long 158.35 E.
- Jan 7th 437 Friday Eve
 Strong breeze with wind S.S.W. - bad sea on. Engaged
 in breaking out the run and minding it smaller. Nothing in sight.
 Lat 37.38 S Long 160.46 E.
- Jan 8th 438 Saturday Eve
 Light breeze and pleasant - wind S.S.W. A sail in
 sight. Busy breaking out and repacking beef. Nothing that looks
 like whales. Lat 37.12 S Long 160.18 E.
- Jan 9th 439 Sunday Eve
 Strong breeze from N.E. Nothing in sight. These
 are very long days and all I can busy myself with is
 writing to my friends at home. Lat 37.19 S Long 159.21 E.
- Jan 10th 440 Monday Eve
 Very strong breeze with wind N.E. and blowing
 on with some rain. No observations
- Jan 11th 441 Tuesday Eve
 Last night it blew a gale of wind with much
 rain also a very bad sea on. This morning more moderate
 wind changing this afternoon to the N. Nothing in sight
 Lat 38.00 S Long 160.15 E.
- Jan 12th 442 Wednesday Eve
 Blowing a gale of wind with wind S.W. Have to
 with close reefed mainsail and fore topmast staysail. Very
 bad sea on. A sail in company but do not know who it is.

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Cruising on the Middle Ground.

Jan 13

443

Thursday Eve

Very strong breeze from South. a sail in sight
 latter part a little more moderate. Lat 37.17 S. Long 159.08 E.

Jan 14th

444

Friday Eve

Strong breeze from South and pleasant. Watch
 employed in mending sails. A sail in sight this morning
 heading into the westward. Lat 37.09 S. Long 159.49 E.

Jan 15th

445

Saturday Eve

Fine breeze from S.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight.
 Fine weather for whaling and wish very much to get another
 whale before going in port. Lat 36.26 S. Long 160.18 E.

Jan 16th

446

Sunday Eve

Fine breeze from N.E. and pleasant. Spoke the
 Narragansett of N. and Capt Gardner came on
 board also the Sea Ranger and Capt Davis
 came and took tea with us. Sent letters by them
 to Sydney for home. The N. 38 months out with Gov.
 and Sea Ranger 30 months with Gov. sp.

Lat 35.51 S. No obs.

Jan 17th

447

Monday Eve

Strong breeze from N.N.E. and pleasant. Commenced
 breaking out the stern over and raised whales. Lowered
 three boats and the bow boat struck and killed
 a 80 barrel whale. Took him alongside at 3 o'clock and
 commenced cutting in. Lat 36.12 S. No obs.

Jan 18th

448

Tuesday Eve

Fine beautiful weather - finished taking the body
 in last night and this morning took in the head. At
 daylight raised whales all round the ship and after
 getting the head in lowered three boats but the whales
 were gallied and called the boats on board at 1 o'clock.
 After dinner lowered again and the ^{upper} bow boat struck another
 large whale took him alongside at 1/2 past 6 o'clock P.M.

Jan 19th

449

Wednesday Eve

First part fine moderate weather - all hands commenced
 daybreak and commenced cutting in and finished at 2 o'clock
 latter part squally and busy in cutting up the junk and
 putting it down in the tank also started the works this
 forenoon. Looks like bad weather and barometer falling.
 Wind to the North. Lat 37.05 S.

1859. Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

Jan 20th 450

Thursday Eve

Last night had it blowy with rain but to day has been fine weather. All hands busy setting up casks and boiling. Wind S.W. and moderate.

Lat 36.54 S. Long 161.31 E.

Jan 21st 451

Friday Eve

Fine breeze from N.E. and pleasant with a bad sea. All hands busy with the oil and boiling. Last night a brig came down to us but did not speak us.

Lat 36.25 S. Long 161.12

Jan 22^d 452

Saturday Eve

Fine breeze from S. and pleasant - finished boiling to night and all hands engaged in clearing up decks. This has been a very busy week to us and we have been favored with good weather. Lat 36.16 S.

Jan 23^d 453

Sunday Eve

Light breeze from South and smooth. All hands engaged in stowing down oil for fear the weather will come on bad - rather bad work for Sunday but circumstances alter cases.

Jan 24th 454

Monday Eve

Fine breeze from S.E. and pleasant. All hands engaged in stowing down and finished tonight. Stowed 140 barrels of this fare which I think is doing well and feel very thankful for it. Bound North for Lord Howe's Island after wood and water.

Lat 35.19 S. Long 160.31 E.

Jan 25th 455

Tuesday Eve

Fine breeze from S.E. and pleasant. Busy engaged in finishing stowing off between deck. Bound for Lord Howe's Island.

Lat 33.00 S. Long 160.34 E.

Jan 26th 456

Wednesday Eve

Fine breeze from E. raised the land this morning. Getting ready to send in for a raft of water. Raised a school of whales - lowered and the W. boat struck. Took him along side at 1/2 past 6 o'clock to night. Commenced cutting him up.

Jan 27th 457

Thursday Eve

Light breeze from E. and pleasant. Commenced cutting very early this morning with it very smooth indeed - finished tonight and commenced the work. The land all plain in sight. Good luck this is I think.

Light breezes from E. N. E. and squally. All hands busy about the oil and boiling. Making in towards the Island after water. Saw porpoises.

Feb 6th Fine beautiful weather - just came on board from Lord Howe's Island having been on shore a week also M. and three men filling water. The ship went to sea and the same day we left she struck a large whale that took their line. The next day raised the same whale - lowered and fastened to the same one again and took him alongside - cut him in. Experienced a heavy gale of wind which lasted several days. - Saved 80 barrels. Found our cook very sick with fever.

Light air with wind North and pleasant. All hands busy in stowing down. Not far from the Island

Fine weather and nice breeze from N. Off Lord Howe's Island and we went on shore a few moments to carry some things. Been to work stowing down oil to day.

Strong breeze from N. and pleasant. Left the
land today bound into the East. Saw a sail bound
to the Island. Lat. 32.00 S. Long 129.49 E.

Strong breeze from N.W. and pleasant. Latter part wind changes to S.W. with some rain and a strong breeze. Under two double reefed topsails.

Strong breeze from S. S. E. and pleasant.
No. busy engaged in repairing the waist boat.
Lost our old hen that has been with us for 17 months
Nothing in sight to day.
Lat 32° 06' S Long 164° 12' E.

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Feb 12th 465 Saturday Eve

Fine breeze from N.E. and pleasant with a heavy swell from S.W. Saw porpoises round the ship. Bound to the Three Kings to look about there before going in port.

Lat 32.18 S. Long 165.20 E

Feb 13th 466 Sunday Eve

Fine breeze from N.N.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight. A lovely day to all.

Lat 33.00 S. Long 167.30 E.

Feb 14th 467 Monday Eve

Light breeze and pleasant - wind E. Watch employed in breaking out the aft hold. My little dog Major died.

Lat 33.18 S. Long 168.20 E

Feb 15th 468 Tuesday Eve

Fine breeze from E and pleasant. This is a bad wind for us to get to the eastward. Saw a brig this morning bound towards Sydney. - Saw porpoise and blackfish

Lat 34.24 S. Long 169.02 E.

Feb 16th 469 Wednesday Eve

Fine breeze from E.S.E. and rainy. Dull weather and hard work to get to the eastward. Just at eight raised some kind of a whale spouting.

Lat 33.36 S. Long 170.00 E

Feb 17th 470 Thursday Eve

Light breeze from E and veering to the south with considerable rain last night. Saw Finbacks.

Lat 32.53 S. Long 170.30 E.

Feb 18th 471 Friday Eve

Fine breeze from E.S.E. with rain and fog. Busy setting up pipes for water. To day we are 18 months out with 730 barrels of sperm. Hope to see the time when we shall arrive home with a good voyage and our lives spared.

Lat 32.44 S. Long 171.13 E

Feb 19th 472 Saturday Eve

Strong breeze from E.S.E. and veering; squally with rain. Nothing in sight. We are bound toward the Bay of Islands as soon as wind will admit.

Lat 32.22 S. Long 172.30 E.

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Feb 20th 473

Sunday Eve

Very strong breezes from S.E. with rain. This is very slow getting toward the Bay of Islands

Lat 32.21 S Long 172.50 E

Feb 21st 474

Monday Eve

Commenced with a gale of wind from E. with a bad sea on

Lat 32.16 S Long 172.40 E

Feb 22nd 475

Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from E with a very bad sea on. Nothing in sight although has been heading in toward the land but seen nothing of it. So night we round on the other tack.

Lat 33.50 S Long 172.13 E

Lucy J. Davis' birthday - 28 years old. Oh! how I would like to see her and all the others.

Feb 23rd 476

Wednesday Eve

Light breezes from E.S.E. and veering to the south. Nothing in sight. First part a bad sea on but at night more moderate.

Lat 33.19 S Long 173.13 E.

Feb 24th 477

Thursday Eve

Strong breezes from S. and S.E. - working our way slowly toward the Bay.

Lat 33.22 S Long 174.25 E.

Feb 25th 478

Friday Eve

Very strong breezes from the east. Making our way toward Cape Brett; raised the cap just at night. Weather looking thick and ugly. Took in sail and hove too for the night on the northern tack.

Feb 26th 479

Saturday Eve

Squally and thick fog - running in to make the land and after much trouble got in in company with the E.L.B. ferry of Fairhaven Cape Marsh with 950 barrels sperm. There are the Roman Capt Serol Shepherdes Capt Watrous Roscoe Capt Coffin Harrison Capt Dennis Swift - Capt North Onida Capt Vincent. I did not go on shore. Very windy and bad weather.

Feb 27th 480

Sunday Eve

Rainy and blowing - was not able to go on shore. Capt Marsh Capt Vincent and Mr Sabers called on board. Very disagreeable weather.

{ Left Mr. Horie at the Bay of Islands to return home. }

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Ship "Gazelle" M. Baker 3^d Master.March 23^d 481

Wednesday Eve.

Came on board to day to arrange things for to-morrow we sail if wind and weather will admit. Bore in port 25 days and boarded at Dr. Ford's. There are 26 ships now in port.

} Bay of Islands.
March 23^d / 59.

March 24th 482

Thursday Eve.

Sailed this morning with fine weather; found a very bad sea on which makes me feel disagreeable. The land still in sight.

March 25th 483

Friday Eve.

Strong breezes from S. S. E. and squally with a very bad sea on. Nothing in sight. Lat 33-52 S Long 175-21 E

March 26th 484

Saturday Eve.

Fine breezes from the South with pleasant weather. Looking for whales with an anxious eye but see none.

Lat 32-40 S Long 175-31 E.

March 27th 485

Sunday Eve.

Light breezes from the South and beautiful weather. Nothing in sight. Cruising in hopes to find the whales where we saw them last season. Took in sail for the night.

Lat 32-22 S Long 176-20 E.

March 28th 486

Monday Eve.

First part fine breezes and pleasant weather. Raised whales - lowered L. W. and S. boat. The starboard boat struck and killed him - took him alongside at 2 o'clock P.M. Strong breezes from S. S. W. parted the fluke chain and had to lower again for him. Weather looking finer but cannot tell what the morrow will bring forth.

Lat 32-44 S Long 175-37 E

March 29th 487

Tuesday Eve.

Strong breezes from S. S. E. and pleasant. Commenced to cut in the whale early this morning - it being very rugged did not finish until after dark. Latter part more moderate. Getting ready to boil. Lat 32-28.

March 30th 488

Wednesday Eve.

Light breezes from the South and beautiful weather. All hands busy boiling. Two sails in sight. Saw porpoises.

Lat 32-11 S Long 176-48 E.

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March 31st 489

Thursday Eve

Fine beautiful weather with light breezes from the south. Busy boiling to day. A bark in sight to the windward. To night it is cloudy and cannot get an observation.

April 1st 490

Friday Eve

First part light breezes from S.E. Finished boiling this afternoon. Spoke the Petrel Capt Fuller just out of the Bay of Islands. Capt F. came on board a few moments. Latter part blowing on quite fresh from E with rain.

April 2^d 491

Saturday Eve

To day very moderate with a tremendous bore seen on - weather looking well but barometer falling quite fast. Raining in squalls.

April 3^d 492

Sunday Eve

Latter part of last night wind changed suddenly to the S.W. and blew heavy all day. Took in a great deal of water - with sea very bad. It was a gloomy night to all. Lost hogs and several things from off deck. Latter part of the day the sea more regular.

April 4th 493

Monday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Busy coopersing the oil to get ready to stow down. To vast change in our day and happy am I to see it. Hope not to see any more such times this voyage.

Lat 32.16 S. Long 176.26 E

April 5th 494

Tuesday Eve

Light breezes from the south with weather pleasant. All hands busy stowing down oil in the afterhold but did not finish to night.

Lat 32.26 S. No Obs.

April 6th 495

Wednesday Eve

Light breezes from S.E. and pleasant. All hands busily engaged in stowing down - finished to night and washed off. The weather not as good being cloudy with some rain.

Lat 32.41 S. No obs.

April 7th 496

Thursday Eve

Fine breezes from the E and pleasant weather. Nothing in sight. We are working into the North in hopes to fall in with the whales this pleasant weather.

Lat 32.00 S. Long 177.57 E

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April 8th 497

Friday Eve

Fine breezes from the E and pleasant weather. It looking very dull here - no birds &c. Painting the bow boat. Lat 31.40 S. Long 177.56 E

April 9th 498

Saturday Eve

Light breezes from E. and pleasant weather. Spoke the Swift Capt Worth having taken 180 blb since leaving the Bay. Capt Worth came on board to tea. Working to the South.

April 10th 499

Sunday Eve

Fine breezes from E. N. E. and beautiful weather. The Swift got out of sight to night. Raised very large whales - worked up to them and got ready to lower but night came on to soon.

Lat 32.40 S. Long 178.19 E

April 11th 500

Monday Eve

Very strong breezes from the E and squally the first part of the day. Have not seen the whales to day - not able to see a great distance.

Lat 33.03 S. Long 177.56 E

April 12th 501

Tuesday Eve

Fine breezes from E. and beautiful weather. Nothing in sight.

Lat 33.00 S. Long 178.24 E

April 13th 502

Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes from E and pleasant weather. Raised sperm whales at 1/2 past 11 o'clock - lowered and the L. boat struck and took the line. The S. boat struck but the iron drew. At 1/2 past 4 o'clock struck the fast whale again and turned him up; took him along side at 5 o'clock to night.

Lat 33.12 S. No blb.

April 14th 503

Thursday Eve

Light air from E N E and beautiful weather. Commenced cutting the whale in very early this morning and finished to night & getting ready to start the work to boil. Lat 33.18 S. Long 178.31 E.

April 15th 504

Friday Eve

Fine breezes from the N. and pleasant. Raised whales this forenoon going to the windward quick. This afternoon raised them again - lowered but did not strike.

33.12 S. No blb.

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April 16th 505

Saturday Eve

Equally weather and had the wind to come out to the S.W. Finishing boiling to night. A ship in sight with a whale alongside.

Lat 33.04 S. Long 178.52 E.

April 17th 506

Sunday Eve

Very strong breezes from the S.W. and suggested Mr. Lapham took a boat and went on board the S. Thornton of N.B. Capt. Nichols - 46 tons with 1500 sp. Capt. N. came on board of us and had to stop all day and night as it was too suggested to go back.

April 18th 507

Monday Eve

Very strong breezes from S.W. and suggested. Capt. Nichols went on board this morning although it was very suggested. Getting oil ready to ship home by the S. Thornton. Writing letters all day. We are 20 tons out to day with 850 barrels. sp.

Lat 32.36 S. Long 179.03 E.

April 19th 508

Tuesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. Getting ready to ship oil on board the S.T. This afternoon have carried on board 77 barrels and tomorrow shall ship more. Capt. Nichols came on board to tea and spent the evening.

April 20th 509

Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Carried 27 casks on board the S.T. to day. This afternoon Michael went on board and stopped until tea time then Capt. Nichols came with him. This evening Mr. Briggs and Mr. Wheeler came on board and spent the time very agreeably. They are bound home the 1st of May. Hope some time may come ere many more years pass.

April 21st 510

Thursday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. All hands busy in breaking out fore and aft and stowing on. The S. Thornton gone out of sight into the Eastward.

Lat 33.00 S. Long 179.12 E.

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April 22^d 511

Friday Eve.

Fine breeze from the E and pleasant weather.
Nothing in sight. Lat 33-00 S. Long 179-36 E.

512

Saturday Eve.

April 23^d

Strong breeze from the N. and raining; raised sperm whales - lowered and L. boat struck a very large whale and he took his line. It was raining powerfully and the boats were called on board; at 11 o'clock lowered L & W boat and struck him again - gave him two bomb-lances which killed him so they killed him on the spot; took him alongside at 4 o'clock but cannot much expect to save him as it is blowing on very fresh from the N.E.

April 24th 513

Sunday Eve.

Blowing a smart gale of wind from the N. and rugged. This afternoon wind changed to the S.W. with thunder & lightning; blowing and raining. The whale is reared off the weather quarter not able to cut him and it looking doubtful whether we save him or not. Lat 34-01 S. No Obs.

April 25th 514

Monday Eve.

Blowing still - squally weather with rain - thunder and lightning and rugged. Still fast to the whale which has blasted considerable. The weather not bidding very fair to save him but if we do we shall be fortunate. The sea to night is not quite so bad. Lat 33-10 S. Long 179-15 W.

April 26th 515

Tuesday Eve.

Blowing a gale of wind and very rugged. Got ready to cut in the whale as it was spoiling so fast but had to give it up. To night the gale seems to come on and had to cut from the whale which seems hard after bearing so much anxiety about him but his flubber was spoiled. Lat 33-13 S. Long 179-26 W.

April 27th 516

Wednesday Eve.

Strong breeze from the South and rugged. The weather is quite good and we are making our way to the North towards Freer Rock. Nothing in sight.

Lat 32-19 S. Long 179-06 W.

1859 Cruising on New Zealand.

April 28th 517 Thursday Eve

Strong breezes from S. S. W. and squally. Saw French Rock early this morning - found the latitude of it to be 31.30 S. Ran down past it to Curtis Rocks and spoke the Mr. Holliston - Capt Coffin 11 mo with 100 sh 40 wh. Capt C. came on board. Lat 30.53 S. Long 179.00 W.

April 29th 518 Friday Eve

Very strong breezes from the south; kept off for Sunday Island - the Mr. Holliston also. Saw the land at 1 o'clock - ran down and passed the S. Thornton Shepherds but did not speak them for it was so rugged. To night the Ocean came down and spoke us; she is 30 months out with 2000 barrels of. Left two of the Island.

April 30th 519 Saturday Eve

Fine breezes from the S. E. and pleasant. Ran in to the land and Mr & Mr Robbins went in with their boats fishing - got a good number - came on board just at dark. The Shepherds in sight to night.

May 1st 520 Sunday Eve

Fine breezes from the S. E. and pleasant. Spoke the Shepherds of Mystic in charge of the mate cruising off the Island. We are bound on the Vaque - the land is out of sight to night.

May 2nd 521 Monday Eve

Fine breezes from the S. E. and pleasant. Raised a very large school of whales at 1/2 past 8 o'clock. Landed all the boats and the B. boat struck; the whale took the line and this afternoon struck the same whale - killed him and took him alongside after six o'clock to night. Whales as far as the eye could reach and going to the windward.

Lat 27.38 S. Long 176.32 W.

May 3rd 522 Tuesday Eve

Very light breezes - all hands busy cutting in the whales. Finished all at night. Nothing in sight - the ocean very smooth.

May 4th 523 Wednesday Eve

Light breezes from the W. all hands busy about boiling. Latter part squally; saw Sunday Island this morning. To sail in sight - steering for us.

Lat 28.01 S. No 66

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- May 5th 524 Thursday Eve
 Fine breezes from the S.W. and pleasant.
 Mr. Holliston came down and spoke us; afterwards
 they raised whales and our boats went on but the
 whale threw the boat off with his head therefore did
 not get fast. This evening Capt Coffin came on board
 Lat 27.41 S. Long 175.47 W.
- May 6th 525 Friday Eve
 Light breezes from the S.W. and pleasant. Busy
 boiling and finishing. Latter part clearing up decks
 The Zone of Fairhaven 11 months out with 100 wh 50 sp.
 run down and spoke us and Capt Trazier came
 on board
 Lat 27.29 S. Long 176.25 W.
- May 7th 526 Saturday Eve
 Light breezes from the N.W. and pleasant. Busy
 cooping the oil to get ready to stow. The Zone is
 out of sight in the S.W. We are working into the N.E.
- May 8th 527 Sunday Eve
 Fine breezes from N.W. and pleasant. All hands
 busy stowing down oil. A ship in sight.
 Lat 27.10 S Long 175.05 W.
- May 8th 528 Sunday Eve
 Strong breezes from the S. and squally; have changed
 the day as we are in best longitude.
 Lat 25.56 S. Long 174.40 W.
- May 9th 529 Monday Eve
 Very strong breezes from the S.E. and rainy
- May 10th 530 Tuesday Eve
 Fine breezes from the south and pleasant.
 Nothing in sight. Lat 24.53 S. Long 174.28 W.
- May 11th 531 Wednesday Eve
 Fine breezes from the S.E. and pleasant. Looking
 very dull here indeed - not even a bird seen.
 Mr. busy repairing the S. boat.
- May 12th 532 Thursday Eve
 Fine breezes from the S.E. and cloudy.
 Nothing in sight that looks like whales.
 Working to the South where we saw our last
 whales.
 Lat 23.17 S. Long 174.45 W.

1859 Bound to the Line to Cruise.

May 13th 533

Friday Eve

Fine breeze from E. S. E. and cloudy. Nothing worthy of observation. Lat 25.50 S.

May 14th 534

Saturday Eve

Squally weather with rain. The ^{2nd} gone came in sight this afternoon. Lat 27.12 S. Long 174.52 W.

May 15th 535

Sunday Eve

Commenced with a gale of wind with wind N. N. E. The gone in sight but went off on the opposite tack. Our barometer is broken by clearing.

May 16th 536

Monday Eve

Fine beautiful weather with wind S. S. E. We are bound to the Eastward to stop at Rorotonga then to the line. This is the 12th anniversary of our wedding day and it finds us far away from home and friends but enjoying good healths which is indeed a very great blessing. Lat 27.57 S. Long 172.43 W.

May 17th 537

Tuesday Eve

Light breeze from the E. and pleasant weather. Busy cleaning and painting the waterways of the ship. Lat 27.38 S. Long 172.07 W.

May 18th 538

Wednesday Eve

Fine breeze from the E and veering to the N. The S. boat went off and struck a large green turtle and took him on board. Saw breeches and plenty of fish around the ship. Lat 27.17 S. Long 171.19 W.

May 19th 539

Thursday Eve

Fine breeze and squally with wind W. Making the best of our way to the Eastward. Lat 27.37 S. Long 169.21 W.

May 20th 540

Friday Eve

Strong breeze from the W. and cloudy weather. Carrying all sail into the east. Nothing in sight. Lat 27.18 S. Long 166.40 W.

May 21st 541

Saturday Eve

Fine breeze from W and pleasant weather. All hands busy bending mainsail ~~main~~ top sail and foresail - setting up shrouds for water. Lat 26.48 S. Long 164.31 W.

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May 22^d 542 Sunday Eve

Fine breeze from the S and beautiful weather. Saw Finbacks but no whales. Bound for the land.

Lat 26-11 S. Long 162-21 W.

May 23^d 543 Monday Eve

Light breeze from the E and pleasant weather. Looked for a Sulphur Bottom but did not strike. Busy sitting up shoots for water.

Lat 24-55 S. Long 162-58 W.

May 24th 544 Tuesday Eve

Light breeze from the E and pleasant. Nothing in sight

Lat 24-12 S. Long 161-43 W.

May 25th 545 Wednesday Eve

Very light breeze and bofline. Hard work to get to the land on account of the light winds.

Lat 23-28 S. Long 161-13 W.

May 26th 546 Thursday Eve

Strong breeze from the E and squally. Saw the land about 12 o'clock at noon. Intend to run in tomorrow and get coals on shore if weather will admit.

Lat 21-58 S. Long 160-28 W.

May 27th 547 Friday Eve

Heavy rain all last night and the first part of the day cloudy with rain. Latter part strong double reefed topsail breeze from the N. Land in sight.

Lat 21-55 S. Long 160-47 W.

May 28th 548 Saturday Eve

A nasty disagreeable day with squalls and rain. It blew heavy in squalls all last night with violent rain also much lightning. Saw the land to night. Head wind and thick weather which makes it tedious very.

May 29th 549 Sunday Eve

First part blowing almost a gale of wind with rain. Tired of this beating N. has come down and made up his mind to put the ship for Enno. Latter part very squally and thickening up for another rain I suppose

Lat 22-16 S. Long 159-15 W.

May 30th 550 Monday Eve

Thick rainy weather with no wind. Latter part looking better and think the trade winds are coming down.

Lat 22-39 S.

1859 Bound for the Line to cruise.

- May 31st 551 Thursday Eve
 Very strong breezes from S. S. E. and squally weather. The island of Manguea is in sight and we are by the wind going into the E. also a bad sea on. Latter part not so squally.
 Lat 22° 00 S. Long 157° 39 W.
- June 1st 552 Wednesday Eve
 Strong breezes from S. S. E. and pleasant with a bad sea on. All sail set to get to the Eastward.
 Lat 21° 56 S. Long 155° 39 W.
- June 2^d 553 Thursday Eve
 Light breezes from the E and pleasant. Nothing in sight water looks well for whales.
 Lat 21° 57 S. Long 154° 13 W.
- June 3^d 554 Friday Eve
 Fine breezes from E N E and baffling; a heavy head beat sea on, and head wind for us. Nothing worthy of observed.
 Lat 21° 30 S. Long 153° 08 W.
- June 4th 555 Saturday Eve
 Very light breezes from N E and veering. Hard work to get north - feeling anxious to get to the line but this way will cause a long passage.
 Lat 21° 50 S. Long 152° 17 W.
- June 5th 556 Sunday Eve
 Strong breezes from N. and pleasant weather. Saw the island called Ruruta and found it laid down to for to the eastward.
 Lat 21° 51 S. Long 150° 55 W.
- June 6th 557 Monday Eve
 Fine breezes from N. N. W. and pleasant. Still head winds.
 Lat 21° 06 S. Long 149° 02 W.
- June 7th 558 Tuesday Eve
 Fine weather and light breezes. Nothing in sight.
 Lat 19° 56 S. Long 148° 49 W.
- June 8th 559 Wednesday Eve
 Fine breezes from E. N. E. and pleasant. Made the land this morning. Latter part moderate breeze with squalls of rain.
 Lat 18° 35 S. Long 149° 13 W.
- June 9th 560 Thursday Eve
 Very squally and unpleasant weather; the wind fluky with rain. The land plain in sight but light and head winds prevent us nearing it.

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June 10th 561

Friday Eve

Fine beautiful weather and good breezes from S.E. - off the north side of Tahiti. M. took a boat crew and went in the harbour. A fine looking island it looks so pleasant. Emeo all plain in sight.

" Arrived on Saturday "

June 18th 562

Saturday Eve

Have just arrived on board and the ship is safely out beyond the reef off Emeo; a very pleasant island with plenty of fruit. Visited Mr Simpson's family and found them very pleasant and agreeable. I enjoyed my call there very much indeed. We are bound to the line direct.

June 19th 563

Sunday Eve

Strong breezes from the S.E. and squally. To night in sight of the Chain Islands but think we shall not pass them tonight. Lat 15-27 S. Long 149.00 W.

June 20th 564

Monday Eve

Fine beautiful weather; passed through the two islands of Lazareff and Kansensteins which are very low and covered with cocoa nut trees. Lat 14-30 S. Long 148.30 W.

June 21st 565

Tuesday Eve

Fine weather but wind not fair to get to the E. it being S.E. Water engaged in repairing sails.

Lat 13-37 S. Long 148.00 W.

June 22nd 566

Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes from the E and pleasant. Nothing in sight.

Lat 11.56 S. Long 147.31 W.

June 23rd 567

Thursday Eve

Fine breezes from the E. and equally. Painted the Starboard boat and in hopes soon to see whales.

Lat 10.15 S. Long 146.53 W.

June 24th 568

Friday Eve

Strong breezes from the E. and pleasant. Last night was broken and today M. is busy mending it.

Lat 8.32 S. Long 146.28 W.

June 25th 569

Saturday Eve

Strong breezes from the E and pleasant weather. Nothing in sight that looks like whale but hope to soon. Fine beautiful weather for whaling.

Lat 6-46 S. Long 146.09 W.

1859 Bound to the Vire Sperm Whaling

- June 26th 570 Sunday Eve
Strong breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant.
Water looks good for whales. Lat 5.02 S. Long 145.02 W.
- June 27th 571 Monday Eve
Strong breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant except
occasionally squalls. Lat 3.35 S. Long 144.84 W.
- June 28th 572 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant. Saw several
Diamond fish. Painted the larboard boat to day.
Lat 1.56 S. Long 144.12 W.
- June 29th 573 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant. Plenty of
fish round also porpoise & blackfish. Looked for
them but could not strike. Lat 00.44 S. Long 144.31 W.
- June 30th 574 Thursday Eve
Very light breezes and pleasant. Any quantity
of blackfish porpoises and a finback seen to day.
No. caught a porpoise. Tomorrow looks squally.
Lat 00.56 S. Long 144.20 W.
- July 1st 575 Friday Eve
Strong breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Saw porpoises.
Painted the waist boat. Lat 00.31 S. Long 143.09 W.
- July 2^d 576 Saturday Eve
Fine breezes from the E. and pleasant.
Nothing seen worthy of observation. Lat 00.57 N. Long 143.25 W.
- July 3^d 577 Sunday Eve
Fine breezes from the E. A lonely Sabbath - far away
from home and friends. This is mother's 53rd birthday if she is
spared to see it and may she live to see many more is the wish
of her daughter that is far away on the sea. Time is wafting
us onward to eternity and how it becomes us to look and
see what preparation we are making to meet our God.
- July 4th 578 Monday Eve
Very strong breezes from S.E. and squally. To day
being the fourth we cannot write with those at home
in celebrating it which would be a great privilege
to one if it could be so but contented I must feel hoping
there will not many more pass ere I may be there.
We have plenty of oranges to eat and vice ones they
are too which would be a treat to our friends at home
I am afflicted with one eye for my comfort.
Lat 4.14 N Long 141.52 W

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- July 5th 579 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes from E S E with a bad sea on
working to the N in hopes of finding the wind
more favorable in working to the E. Saw plenty of birds
Lat 5.21 N. Long 140.23 W.
- July 6th 580 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes and squalls heading
to south part of the day. Took in
N E by E at daylight saw lots of
birds mid and latter part squalls
weather. So ends this day
Lat 5.31 N. Long 139.18 W.
- July 7th 581 Thursday Eve
Light breezes from S. S. E. and squally. Watch
busy fitting rigging &c. Found we have a very strong current setting
to the N. E. Lat 6.15 N. Long 137.13 W.
- July 8th 582 Friday Eve
Squally weather with rain - wind from all parts
of the compass. Saw breasted but could not tell what
it was being for from us. Lat 6.15 N. Long 136.05 W.
- July 9th 583 Saturday Eve
Light breezes and baffling with frequent squalls of
rain. Slowly working to the East. Lat 6.20 N. Long 135.08 W.
One of the foremost hands had a fit last night, but is now better.
- July 10th 584 Sunday Eve
First part strong breezes from E S E and pleasant. Latter
part light breezes and squally. Lat 6.21 N. Long 133.32 W.
- July 11th 585 Monday Eve
Strong breezes from S. E. Nothing in sight but a few birds.
Lat 6.18 N. Long 132.22 W.
- July 12th 586 Tuesday Eve
First part fine breezes from E. S. E. and pleasant. Towed
one boat for blackfish but did not strike any. Latter part
calm and squally with rain. Lat 4.56 N. Long 132.30 W.
- July 13th 587 Wednesday Eve
First part light breezes and pleasant. Saw a piece of
squid pass the ship. Latter part strong breezes from S. S. E.
and squally. Lat 4.35 N. Long 132.02 W.
- July 14th 588 Thursday Eve
Very strong breezes from S. S. E. and pleasant. Improving
these fine winds to get to the E. Hope soon to be taking
oil for time wears slowly away. Lat 4.55 N. Long 130.11 W.

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July 15th 589

Friday Eve

Strong breezes from S.E. and squally; heading in toward the line. Nothing worthy of observation.

Lat 5.35 N Long 128.39 W.

July 16th 590

Saturday Eve

Strong breezes from S.E. Saw finbacks.

Lat 4.02 N.

July 17th 591

Sunday Eve

Strong breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Saw porpoises and finbacks. Find we have a very strong current setting to the N.W.

Long 130.25 W.

July 18th 592

Monday Eve

Fine breezes from S.E. and veering to the S.E. Saw a price of squid pass by the ship. The strong current sweeps us off to the westward very much but we are anxious to get on the line in hopes to find whales. Today we are 23 mos out from home. How thankful to think we have our lives spend also our health which is so good.

Lat 1.56 N Long 131.08 W.

July 19th 593

Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from the E and pleasant. Saw plenty of finbacks and fish round the ship; the water looking well for whales.

Lat 00.23 S. Long 131.36 W.

July 20th 594

Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant. Busy fitting rigging &c. No whales seen yet but the water looks like good ground for them.

Lat 00.25 S. Long 131.19 W.

July 21st 595

Thursday Eve

Fine breezes from E.N.E. and beautiful weather for whaling but none in sight; plenty of porpoises and finbacks in sight. This afternoon changed sails.

Lat 00.17 S. Long 130.57 W.

July 22nd 596

Friday Eve

Light breezes from S.E. and veering to the S. Nothing in sight but looking anxiously to see whales. Pleasant cruising but tedious.

Lat 00.31 S. Long 130.47 W.

July 23rd 597

Saturday Eve

Light breezes with wind E.N.E. and pleasant. Saw two finbacks and a school of killers. Sounded one boat for them but could not strike. Plenty of fish round the ship.

Lat 00.22 N Long 130.28 W.

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July 24th 598

Sunday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Saw squid and the water looking well for whales yet do not see any.

Lat 00.49 S. Long 130.33 W

July 25th 599

Monday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant; heading N.W. first part of the day and latter part in the S.E.W. but see nothing. Oh! where are the whales? Lat 00.32 N. Long 131.10 W.

July 26th 600

Tuesday Eve

Fine breezes from S.E. and pleasant; heading S.E.W. Saw finbacks and white water but do not know what it was. Tired of such dull times with such beautiful weather for whaling but we have got to have much patience. Lat 00.18 S. Long 132.33 W.

July 27th 601

Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant; first part heading N.W. and latter part S.W. Finbacks and porpoises. Lat 00 Long 134.11 W.

July 28th 602

Thursday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. Saw porpoises and finbacks working off to the westward toward Jarvis Island Lat 00.19 S Long 134.07 W.

July 29th 603

Friday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant heading S.W. the latter part of the day; find a strong current setting to the N. north of the line but South there does not seem to be much. Seeing nothing worthy of observation. Lat 00.13 N. Long 135.53 W.

July 30th 604

Saturday Eve

Fine breeze from E heading S.W. by W. Saw a large breck but did not find out what it was. So another week has passed and no whales Oh! when are they? Lat 00.09 S. Long 137.53 W.

July 31st 605

Sunday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant weather. Porpoises blackfish and finbacks in sight but no whales. Working to the westward fast. Lat 00.52 S. Long 139.35 W.

Aug 1st 606

Monday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant; saw spouts and breaches but all proved to be finbacks. Lat 1.12 S. Long 141.07 W.

Aug 2nd 607

Tuesday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Nothing in sight.

Lat 1.23 S. Long 141.50 W.

Aug 3rd 608

Wednesday Eve

Very light breezes and pleasant. Looked for blackfish and got two also two cow fish. This ground is very lively. Lat 1.29 S. Long 142.14 W.

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- Aug 4th 609 Thursday Eve
 Fine breezes and beautiful weather. Porpoises & killers
 in sight but no whales. Lat 1.20 S. Long 143.22 W.
- Aug 5th 610 Friday Eve
 Light breezes and pleasant. Saw blackfish and
 a large breach twice - run for it but did not see it afterward.
 Lat 00.17 S. Long 144.12 W.
- Aug 6th 611 Saturday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant. Saw a big bound south
 also raised whales a very large body of them bound into
 the westward. The waist boat struck one and parted the
 line - struck again at 4 o'clock and saved him; hope to see
 them again tomorrow. Lat 00.07 S. Long 145.43 W.
- Aug 7th 612 Sunday Eve
 Fine beautiful weather. Commenced cutting in the
 whale early this morning and finished at 4 o'clock cutting
 up the blubber. What a contrast in cutting here where it is
 so still and pleasant and on N Zealand so awful rugged.
 Mr. Sullivan cut his hand very bad. Lat 00.10 N. Long 146.11 W.
- Aug 8th 613 Monday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant. Saw porpoises and finbacks
 but no whales. Lat 00.21 S. Long 146.15 W.
- Aug 9th 614 Tuesday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant. Saw finbacks and diamond fish.
 Finished boiling to night. Lat 00.19 S. Long 146.24 W.
- Aug 10th 615 Wednesday Eve
 Strong breezes and pleasant. Coopering oil to stow tomorrow
 nothing in sight. Working off to the west. Lat 00. Long 148.17 W.
- Aug 11th 616 Wednesday Eve
 Begins with fine breeze and pleasant weather
 and ESE leading S to all hands busily
 employed stowing down oil to barrel cut
 some oil to cooper to ends. Lat 00.39 S. Long 149.05 W.
- Aug 12th 617 Friday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant heading S by W. - nothing in
 sight. Lat 00.05 S. Long 151.05 W.
- Aug 13th 618 Saturday Eve
 Light breezes and pleasant weather. Saw blackfish
 this afternoon going into the E. gulf. We went
 down with the starboard boat but could not strike.
 Lat 00.16 S. Long 152.09 W.

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- Aug 14th 619 Sunday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant but no whales. Porpoises and finbacks in sight. Lat 00-18 S. Long 154.12 W.
- Aug 15th 620 Monday Eve
Light breezes and pleasant; finbacks seen working off towards Jarvis Island in hopes to find those long looked for whales. Lat 00-16 S. Long 156.02 W.
- Aug 16th 621 Tuesday Eve
Light breezes and pleasant; no whales in sight and when shall we have that great pleasure of seeing and getting them? Lat 01-12 S. Long 157.38 W.
- Aug 17th 622 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant; It looks very dry here as there is nothing in sight. We judge ourselves within 75 miles of Jarvis Island then shall try to hold on to the windward of it. Lat 00-39 N. Long 159.02 W.
- Aug 18th 623 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant. Made Jarvis Island and arrived at it at 5 o'clock P.M.; there found a large clipper ship called the Victory of Boston loading with guano. I went on shore with Mr. and there saw Mr. Wilder one of the guano company who invited me up to his nice little comfortable house and took tea with him. There were 74 men on the Island mostly Sandwich Islanders. Returned on board after dark and stood to the South. Heard from many ships and most of them have done well the last season on N. Zealand. The Island lies in Lat 00-22 S. Long 159.51 W.
- Aug 19th 624 Friday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant. Steering S.W. but seeing nothing; dull times. Lat 1-11 S. Long 161-07 W.
- Aug 20th 625 Saturday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant; heading West - nothing in sight. Lat 1-07 S. Long 162-40 W.
(Rose had a family of 6 little pups)
- Aug 21st 626 Sunday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant weather; very rugged. Nothing in sight worthy of observation. Heading N.W. to look to the North side of the line. Lat 00-07 N. Long 163-35 W.

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Aug. 22^d 627

Monday Eve

Strong breezes and pleasant but no whales where few years ago there were plenty see here. When oh! when are they?

Lat 00. Long 164.41 W.

Aug 23^d 628

Tuesday Eve

Very strong breezes and pleasant. Saw a sail in the S.W.

Lat 00.14 S. Long 166.43 W.

Aug 24^d 629

Wednesday Eve

Strong breezes and pleasant. Saw blackfish. Lowered the Starboard boat but could not strike.

Ran down and spoke the Canton Packet Capt Allen 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ months out with 950 sp. Capt Allen came on board to tea.

Lat 00.24 S. Long 167.33 W.

Aug 25^d 630

Thursday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Capt Allen stopped all night and went on board this evening. Nothing in sight.

Lat 1.20 S.

Aug 26^d 631

Friday Eve

Strong breezes and pleasant. The Canton Packet in sight; heading to day N.N.W. Lat 00.46 S. No obs.

Aug 27^d 632

Saturday Eve

Strong breezes and pleasant. Saw nothing to night. Capt Allen came on board to stop the night.

Lat 00.58 S. Long 170.41 W.

Aug 28^d 633

Sunday Eve

Fine breezes but nothing in sight. Capt Allen went on board to night.

Lat 00.57 S. Long 171.50 W.

Aug 29^d 634

Monday Eve

Strong breezes and pleasant. Raised whales near the ship lowered and the waist boat fastened to one about 9 o'clock A.M. and he ran back to the windward. At 4 o'clock killed him after getting the boat close. Took him alongside at dark.

Lat 00.10 S. Long 172.35 W.

Aug 30^d 635

Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes and pleasant. Commenced cutting in the whale early this morning and finished at 9 o'clock. Started the works.

Lat 00.51 S. Long 173.02 W.

Aug 31^d 636

Wednesday Eve

Strong breezes and pleasant. Nothing in sight but the Canton Packet. This morning at 3 o'clock the C.P. came very near running us down - we were boiling at the time. Finished boiling this afternoon.

Lat 00.36 S. Long 173.17 W.

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Sept 1st 637 Thursday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. Ran down and spoke the Canton Packet - Capt Allen came on board and spent the evening.

Sept 2nd 638 Friday Eve

Light breezes from N.N.E. heading to the N. The ground looks lively. Lat 00.21 S. Long 174.18 W

Sept 3rd 639 Saturday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Stowed down 34 barrels of oil and latter part washed ship. Plenty of fish round the ship. Lat 00.17 S. Long 174.24 W

Sept 4th 640 Sunday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Capt Allen came on board and spent the day; Mr Bunker came and spent the evening

Sept 5th 641 Monday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Saw very large schools of blackfish - lowered a boat for them but did not strike. Lat 00.09 N. Long 175.35

Sept 6th 642 Tuesday Eve

Light breezes and nothing in sight. Capt Allen on board and spent the evening.

Sept 7th 643 Wednesday

Fine breezes and pleasant. Made the land of Baker's Island about 12 o'clock lowered a boat and I went on shore with Mr. Judson; then found Mr. Judson with several others there. It was rugged landing but they had a fair although it was not finished yet we succeeded in getting on shore on it. - had a very pleasant call - Capt Allen was on shore also - and he had seen whales (or called them such) but lost sight of them. Mr Judson the doctor and Capt A. came on board with us and took tea with Capt Allen stopped all night. This is a very pleasant way of spending my birthday. Lat of this Island in 12 miles S. Long 176.30 W.

Sept 8th 644 Thursday Eve

Very light breezes; in sight of the island but have had so light breezes that we cannot go on shore again as we intended. Capt Allen went on board to night and they report a ship in sight.

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- Sept 9th 645 Friday Eve
Light breeze and very warm. Saw the back and suppose it to be the Zone. Lat 00. 66 N. Long 177. 12 W
- Sept 10th 646 Saturday Eve
Light breeze and pleasant. The ship (stranger) has gone out of sight to the west Lat 00. Long 177. 36.
- Sept 11th 647 Sunday Eve
Very light breeze and pleasant. Nothing in sight. Capt Allen on board to day. Lat 00. Long 178. 00 W
- Sept 12th 648 Monday Eve
Light breeze - nothing seen but fish. To night a sail is in sight. Lat 00. 31 S. Long 179. 03 W
- Sept 13th 649 Tuesday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant. Raised whales at sunrise this morning - lowered and struck two. The bow boat got stove bad; had to take a boat from over head and go down to them and succeeded in lashing the whale. The larboard boat struck and took the line but the starboard boat got him. Took the second one alongside about sunset; commenced cutting one in and finished about 9 o'clock this evening. The Zone and Canton Packet struck one apiece.
Lat 1. 12 S. Long 179. 22 W
- Sept 14th 650 Wednesday Eve
Strong breeze and pleasant. Cut in the second whale this morning before breakfast and commenced boiling. The Zone came down and Capt Frazier came on board. He had taken three whales in two days.
- Sept 15th 651 Thursday Eve
Strong breeze and pleasant. The Canton Packet on our weather quarter boiling. To night Capt Allen came on board and spent the evening. Lat 1. 29 S. Long 179. 29 W
- Sept 16th 652 Friday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant. Plenty of fish round the ship and ground looking lively. Lat 1. 17 S. Long 179. 29 W
- Sept 17th 653 Saturday Eve
Strong breeze and pleasant. Saw blackfish and plenty of fish. Capt Allen on board to night. Coopered oil ready for stowing on Monday.
Lat 2. 21 S. Long 179. 04 W

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Sept 18th 654

Sunday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Nothing in sight. Capt Allen on board and Mr Bunker came and spent the evening then went on board. Lat 1.45 S. Long 179.15 E.

Sept 19th 655

Monday Eve

Very light breezes. All hands busy stowing down oil. Nothing in sight.

Sept 20th 656

Tuesday Eve

Very light breezes. Everything in sight but whales. Calm and drifting off fast. Lat 1.52 S. Long 179.15 E.

Sept 21st 657

Wednesday Eve

Calm and very warm weather. The Zone and Canton Packet in sight. I am laid up with a very lame back. Lat 1.55 S. Long 179.16 E.

Sept 22nd 658

Thursday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. Spoke the Zone and Capt Frazier came on board. Lat 2.01 S. Long 179.39 E.

Sept 23rd 659

Friday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Busy washing and scraping ship to paint. Two sail in sight. Lat 2.15 S. Long 179.05 W.

Sept 24th 660

Saturday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Raised the Zone whaling to the north of us - got down to her while she was taking three whales alongside. Lowered our boats and the raise boat struck but the iron drew. Mated with one boat that belonged to the Z. took him alongside as the other ship was a long distance off. Painted the ship round inside this morning.

Lat 1.40 S. Long 179.33 W.

Sept 25th 661

Sunday Eve

Very light breezes. Sent the whale to the Zone to be cut in as we were all painted. Lat 1.30 S. Long 179.46 W.

Sept 26th 662

Monday Eve

Calm weather and pleasant. Commenced painting ship this morning and finished to night. Nothing in sight. (Killed old dog Rose) Lat 1.21 S. Long 179.36 W.

Sept 27th 663

Tuesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. Saw the Canton Packet off our lee beam. Plenty of fish but no whales in sight. Lat 1.37 S. Long 179.44 W.

1859 Cruising on the Line & sperm whaling

- Sept 28th 664 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant. No sail in sight
within whales. Lat 1.04 S. Long 179.36 W.
- Sept 29th 665 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes - Up the Line and Capt. Ingham
came on board and spent the evening. Our share of this
whale is 16 barrels which he has on board.
Lat 1.25 S. Long 179.49 W.
- Sept 30th 666 Friday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant. Plenty of fish and
birds.
- Oct 1st 667 Saturday Eve
Strong breezes and flowy. Do not see as many birds to
day as common herring gone to the west. Lat 1.34 S. Long 180.06 E.
- Oct 2^d 668 Sunday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant. It looks very dull
here - are now working back again to the eastward.
Lat 1.01 S. Long 179.25 E.
- Oct 3^d 669 Monday Eve
Strong breezes from N.E with all sail set working to
the east. The Line was in sight this morning. Lat 2.10 S. Long 179.46 W.
- Oct 4th 670 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes from E.N.E. First part of the day plenty
of birds and fish but latter part not many.
Lat 1.45 S. Long 179.32
- Oct 5th 671 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant - steering W.S.W.
See plenty of fish and birds. Lat 1.20 S. Long 179.13 E.
- Oct 6th 672 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes from E.N.E and pleasant. Steering
W.N.W. and expect to see the land tomorrow.
Lat 1.36 S. Long 179.44 E.
- Oct 7th 673 Friday Eve
Strong breezes - raised the Mr. Holliston just day light -
off our lee beam - ran down to her and Capt. Coffin came
on board and spent the day. Lat 2.22 S. Long 177.12 E.
- Oct 8th 674 Saturday Eve
First part strong breezes - made the island called Hope
- ran down to it and many natives came on board and brought
mats - hats - coconuts and fowls. Left there at 3 o'clock.
Lat 2.50 S. Long 176.50 E.

1859 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

Oct 9th 675 Sunday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant - working in towards the land; a very strong current setting to the S.W.

Lat 2.53 S. Long 176.40 E.

Oct 11th 676 Tuesday Eve

Very light breezes and pleasant - trying to get to Rotch's Island but shall not be able to tonight. Saw blackfish twice to day.

Lat 2.32 S. Long 176.00 E.

Wednesday Eve

Oct 12th 677 Fine breezes and pleasant - made Rotch's Island this evening - arrived there at 9 o'clock. Plenty of natives came off with trade and sent in after old coconuts for hogs that we bought there. Sam & Bob went on shore and shipped two more also had one to stow himself away on board.

Lat 2.30 S. Long 175.45 E.

(Found our Chro. 23 mile farther to the westward than her rate)

Oct 13th 678 Thursday Eve

Light breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant. A strong current setting to the S.W. Saw porpoise.

Lat 3.40 S. Long 175.08 E.

Oct 14th 679 Friday Eve

Light breezes and squally first part - latter part fine breezes. Vee nothing but fish.

Lat 4.39 S. Long 175.26 E.

Oct 15th 680 Saturday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Latter part fine breezes. Vee nothing that looks like whales.

Lat 5.38 S. Long 175.28 E.

Oct 16th 681 Sunday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Another week has commenced - how time flies!

Lat 6.33 S. Long 175.39 E.

Oct 17th 682 Monday Eve

Calm weather and very warm. Busy cleaning ship on the outside to paint.

Lat 6.54 S. Long 175.41 E.

Oct 18th 683 Tuesday Eve

Light breezes and very warm weather painted ship outside. Nothing in sight.

Lat 7.13 S. Long 175.59 E.

Oct 19th 684 Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. At daylight were in the midst of whales - lowered and L.W. & Row boat struck and took them alongside; cut in one and shell commence boiling to night. The whales has gone to the leeward.

Lat 8.28 S. Long 176.36

1859 Bound on New Zealand.

Oct 20th 685 Thursday Eve

Very light breezes and squalls hanging round. Commenced cutting in the two whales this morning at sunrise finished at 11 o'clock and started the works. Find we have a strong S. E. current. Lat 8.45 S. Long 176.57 E.

Oct 21st 686 Friday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant first part and very warm. Latter part squally with rain - boiling by a smoke sail. Lat 8.31 S. Long 176.54 E.

Oct 22^d 687 Saturday Eve

Light breezes and squally with rain; finished boiling to night and washed off. Lat 8.20 S. Long 176.42 E.

Oct 23^d 688 Sunday Eve

Light airs and pleasant. This morning Menards a native of Lisbon fell off the rail overboard and before they could get to him he sank as he could not swim. It casts a gloom over the whole ships company as it ~~was~~ ^{being} so very sudden. It was very smooth and every exertion was used to save him but of no avail. He was taken from this world into eternity without a moments warning for his time had come and he was called to return no more on earth. Lat 9.04 S. Long 177.08 E.

Oct 24th 689 Monday Eve

Light airs and ~~on~~ ^{on} so warm. Busy coopersing oil to stow if weather to morrow. Lat 9.18 S. Long 177.14 E.

Oct 25th 690 Tuesday Eve

Squally with violent rain through the night. Latter part a good breeze from S. S. E. Caught a porpoise. Lat 9.52 S. Long 177.49 E.

Oct 26th 691 Wednesday Eve

Fine breeze ^{wind S. E.} and pleasant; all hands busy stowing down oil - nothing in sight. Lat 10.32 S. Long 176.85 E.

Oct 27th 692 Thursday Eve

Squally weather with rain - wind light and veering from S.W. to N.W. Busy stowing off and working ship. Nothing in sight. Oh! so tedious getting along on our passage. Lat 10.59 S. Long 176.58 E.

Oct 28th 693 Friday Eve

Squally with powerful rain. Nothing in sight. This is Maria A. B. Davis's birthday - seven years old if living. Oh! how I long to see her and all the other friends at home. When will that happy day come? Lat 11.49 S. No obs.

1859 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

- Oct 29th 694 Saturday Eve
 Squally weather. Saw Rotumah this forenoon and to night we judge it to be 16 miles off. Lat 12.15 S. Long 176.57 E.
- Oct 30th 695 Sunday Eve
 Very strong breezes from E. S. E. and a heavy head beat sea. Did not conclude to stop at Rotumah, as it was Sunday and squally weather, making the best of these strong winds towards N. Zealand - that blowy country. Sunday is lonely day to me - oh! what would I give to be at home with my friends to enjoy their privileges. Lat 12.50 S. Long 176.37 E.
- Oct 31st 696 Monday Eve
 Very strong breeze from E. and squally. Many squalls with rain, nothing in sight. Lat 15.14 S. Long 176.17 E.
- Nov 1st 697 Tuesday Eve
 Strong breezes from the E and latter part good weather. All sail set - improving these winds. Lat 16.44 S. Long 175.39 E.
- Nov 2^d 698 Wednesday Eve
 Squally with rain and winds variable. Not able to get a latitude.
- Nov 3^d 699 Thursday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant with wind W. N. W. Lat 18.55 S. Long 175.51 E.
- Nov 4th 700 Friday Eve
 Light breezes from N and veering. To night rain and thunder. Lat 19.55 S. Long 176.02 E.
- Nov 5th 701 Saturday Eve
 Fine breezes from N. W. and pleasant. Last night had rain and very sharp lightning. Lat 21.37 S. Long 176.08 E.
- Nov 6th 702 Sunday Eve
 Fine breezes from N. W. with all sail set bound for Norfolk Island. Lat 23.41 S. Long 175.09 E.
- Nov 7th 703 Monday Eve
 Fine breezes from N. W. and beautiful weather, nothing in sight. Lat 24.31 S. Long 174.18 E.
- Nov 8th 704 Tuesday Eve
 Light airs from the South and pleasant. Nothing in sight. Lat 25.12 S. Long 173.25 E.
- Nov 9th 705 Wednesday Eve
 Calm and pleasant. Saw Blackfish this morning going S. W. Watch busy repairing sails. Lat 25.19 S. Long 173.46 E.

1859 Bound on N. Zealand, sperm whaling

- Nov 10th 706 Thursday Eve
First part calm but latter part fine breezes and pleasant with wind west. Lat 25.52 S. Long 173.10 E
- Nov 11th 707 Friday Eve
Strong breezes from W.S.W. Saw Hotters to day. Lat 27.21 S. Long 172.46 E.
- Nov 12th 708 Saturday Eve
Strong breezes from S.S.W. and squally; we are reminded by the bad weather that we have arrived on New Zealand. Oh how happy I shall feel to once more get home to get clear of being tossed about and may the time soon come is the wish of Nelly. Lat 27.41 S. Long 172.29 E
- Nov 13th 709 Sunday Eve
Strong breezes and very bad head beat sea - wind South. Lat 27.51 S. Long 171.28 E.
- Nov 14th 710 Monday Eve
Very strong breezes from S.E. and rugged. Saw beaches. Lat 28.09 S. Long 169.19 E
- Nov 15th 711 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant. Beating up to the Island. To night two men came on board and stopped all night from the island. Shall go on shore to morrow morning.
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- Nov 17th 712 Saturday Eve
Fine breezes and beautiful weather. Came on board this afternoon after being on shore three days. Stopped with John Adams and was kindly treated by them and all. Had a very pleasant visit for it is one of the handsomest islands on the globe.
- Nov 20th 713 Sunday Eve
Fine breezes from S.E. and pleasant - bound to Lord Howe's Island after noon. Lat 29.19 S. Long 166.01 E
- Nov 21st 714 Monday Eve
Light breezes from S.S.E. and veering to the South as we went. Nothing in sight. Lat 29.33 S. Long 164.33 E.
- Nov 22nd 715 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes from the S.E. Saw white water and sprouts but do not know what it was. Lat 30.15 S. Long 163.24 E.
- Nov 23rd 716 Wednesday Eve
Light breezes and wind variable. Saw sprouts just at night. Lat 31.03 S. Long 161.20 E.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford Mass.

Nov 24th 717

Thursday Eve

Very light breezes and pleasant. The water very thick with jellies and small fish. Saw a very large Sulphur bottom - covered but could not strike him. Lat 31.08 S. Long 160.50 E.
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Nov 28 718

Monday Eve

Fine day but to night weather clouding up for a storm. Went on shore to Lord Howe's Island last Friday and came on board to night. The "Zoe" and E. Corning laying off and on the Island. Bound now to the Middle ground to cruise.

Nov 29th 719

Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from N.N.E. and a very bad sea on. To night the wind is gone and the barometer still low. Took in sail to night. Lat 33.53 S. Long 158.16 E.

Nov 30th 720

Wednesday Eve

Blowing a gale of wind with wind going all round the compass - a very very bad sea on - laying to. Saw a merchant ship bound East

Dec 1st 721

Thursday Eve

Still blowing a heavy gale of wind and a very bad sea on. Shipped a sea that done some little damage had to take in the waist & bow boat - a very bad day to me. When oh! when shall I get home and ^{be} free from these tossing and rolling times. Lat 33.11 S. Long 157.48 E

Dec 2nd 722

Friday Eve

Now moderate but still a strong breeze and rugged nothing in sight. Lat 32.41 S. Long 158.28 E.

Dec 3rd 723

Saturday Eve

Strong breezes from the South and rugged. Two sails in sight (merchantman) bound West. Lat 33.08 S. Long 159.50 E.

Dec 4th 724

Sunday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant - bound South. Last night the E. Corning passed close to us.

Dec 5th 725

Monday Eve

Fine beautiful weather and smooth. To night Capt. Rota and Mr. Baker came on board and spent the evening. Lat 35.06 S. Long 159.19 E

Dec 6th 726

Tuesday Eve

Pleasant with wind north. Three sails seen to day. Nothing that looks like whales here. Lat 36.06 S. Long 159.01 E.

1859 Cruising on N. Zealand sperm whaling

Dec 7th 727 Wednesday Eve
 Light breezes and pleasant. To night wind changed to the South with squalls of rain. Saw breeches and Spouts but could not tell what they ^{were}, but think they were sperm whales going South. Lat 36.14 S. Long 160.28 E.

Dec 8th 728 Thursday Eve
 Fine beautiful weather for whaling but none in sight. A ship to the leeward and think it is the J. Arnold. Lat 36.00 S. Long 159.46 E.

Dec 9th 729 Friday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant. Spoke the Mr. Holliston and Capt. Coffin came on board - he having taken 50 barrels since he arrived on the ground. Saw an English Steamer bound to Sydney. Lat 35.50 S. Long 161.57 E.

Dec 10th 730 Saturday Eve
 Strong breezes from N.W. and pleasant - nothing in sight to night. Lat 34.47 S. Long 161.23 E.

Dec 11th 731 Sunday Eve
 Blowing a gale of wind from N.W. and veering to the South - very rugged. Lat 34.14 S. No obs.

Dec 12th 732 Monday Eve
 Light breezes and wind changeable; the sea has gone down and tonight very moderate. Last night had rain with very sharp lightning. Lat 33.48 S. Long 161.25 E.

Dec 13th 733 Tuesday Eve
 Light breezes from the North with a bad sea - wind veering to the Westward and looks like bad weather Oh! N. Zealand I do so much dislike it! Lat 34.12 S. Long 160.45 E.

Dec 14th 734 Wednesday Eve
 Blowing a gale of wind from W.S.W. - last night had very sharp lightning and heavy thunder. This morning the E. Loring ran down and spoke as she just finished boiling two 70 barrels whales. When will our turn come? Lat 35.02 S. Long 161.17 E.

Dec 15th 735 Thursday Eve
 Very bad weather - blowing a gale of wind from the S.W. and rugged - nothing in sight. Lat 34.50 S. Long 161.05 E.

Dec 16th 736 Friday Eve
 More moderate and pleasant. Saw Grampases.

Dec 17th 737 Saturday Eve
 Pleasant weather and plenty of ships in sight. Spoke the Zou and Japan - Capt. Grant brought on board many letters from home. Capt. G. stoped all night and had a pleasant game.

1859 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford.

Dec 18th 738

Sunday Eve

Equally weather with showers of rain. Plenty of ships in sight. The Mt Holliston spoke us - also an English bark from Hobart Town and both Captains came on board. Capt Grant went on board of his ship to night.

Dec 19th 739

Monday Eve

Fine weather and light breezes from S.E. Spoke the Canton Packet and Capt Allen came on board and stopped all night. Lat 36.30 S Long 159.50 E

Dec 20th 740

Tuesday Eve

Beautiful weather and three ships in sight. This afternoon Capt Allen, Michael and I went on board the Japan and at dark Capt. Grant came on board with us and spent the evening. Both went on board their ships.

Dec 21st 741

Wednesday Eve

Fine beautiful weather and very moderate. - one sail in sight to night. Lat 35.39 S Long 160.05 E.

Dec 22nd 742

Thursday Eve

Very light breezes and pleasant. Three sails in sight. Lat 35.44 S. Long 160.50 E.

Dec 23rd 743

Friday Eve

Very light breezes from North and pleasant. Picked up a piece of a boat; one ship in sight to the leeward. Where oh! where are the whales? have not seen a spout of one since last Oct. Lat 35.57 S. Long 161.30 E.

Dec 24th 744

Saturday Eve

Fine breezes and pleasant. Spoke the Swift & Petrel Capt. North & Fuller came on board and stopped all night. Lat 36.02 S. Long 162.38 E.

Dec 25th 745

Sunday Eve

Fine breezes and equally. It being Christmas both Captains stopped all day and Capt Grant came on board to tea - spent a very pleasant day and evening.

Dec 26th 746

Monday Eve

Strong breezes from the E. and pleasant. The Japan & Petrel raised whales and Japan took one in company with the P. We saw one large whale and mist took was going to strike when he settled and went down. The Mt Holliston is boiling and Swift is also in sight. When will our turn come to get some? I hope soon. Lat 36.36 S Long 162.00 E.

1860 Cruising on the Middle Ground

- Dec 27th 747 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes from the E and pleasant. Saw the Japan
boiling also the Petrel in sight. Lat 36.05 S Long 161.53 E.
- Dec 28th 748 Wednesday Eve
Very strong breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight
Lat 36.30 S. Long 162.18 E.
- Dec 29th 749 Thursday Eve
Very strong breezes with mild N.E. and rugged. Water
looking well for whales. This is slow getting home - no whales
or oil coming into the ship. Lat 37.16 S. Long 161.53 E.
- Dec 30th 750 Friday Eve
Strong breezes from the N. and rugged. The air very
smoky and thick. No whales seen yet. Lat 37.00 S.
- Dec 31st 751 Saturday Eve
Light breezes from the N. and rainy all day. Think the
winter will come out to the westward soon. This is the last
day of the year 1859 and still our lives are spared and enjoying
such a measure of health which is indeed a great blessing.
Hope to be permitted to return home ere many more years
pass by is the wish of E.N. Baker of South Dartmouth Mass.
- Jan 1st 752 Sunday Eve
Strong breezes from N.E. Latter part squally with rain. Another
year is commenced - and so one year after another passes away hastening
us onward to the last.
- Jan 2nd 753 Monday Eve
Blowing a gale of wind from E.N.E. and pleasant.
Nothing in sight. Lat 36.42 S Long 160.56 E.
- Jan 3rd 754 Tuesday Eve
Blowing a gale of wind from E & E.S.E. and rugged.
- Jan 4th 755 Wednesday Eve
More moderate but rugged. A ship in sight. Lat 36.11 S.
- Jan 5th 756 Thursday Eve
Blowing in squalls and weather unsettled yet. A ship
in sight. Lat 36.33 S. Long 160.18 E.
- Jan 6th 757 Friday Eve
Very strong breezes and pleasant; also rugged.
It looking very dull here. Lat 37.08 S. Long 159.29 E.
- Jan 7th 758 Saturday Eve
Fine breezes from E and pleasant. Raised ^{one} whale early this morning
and the boat went up to strike but did not carry the boat
near enough therefore missed him. Bad luck so far.
Lat 36.21 S. Long 159.18 E.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

- Jan 8th 759 Sunday Eve
Fine breezes from E N E and pleasant. A large English Merchantman in sight also a whaler. Where oh! where are the whales this fine weather? A dry season this if we ^{don't} get ~~enough~~ soon.
Lat 36.01 S. Long 159.12 E
- Jan 9th 760 Monday Eve
Strong breezes from N E and wind veering to the N. Three sails in sight but no whales. Lat 36.26 S. Long 159.23 E
- Jan 10th 761 Tuesday Eve
First part light breezes and rainy; latter part strong breezes from S. W. and pleasant. No whales yet.
Lat 36.36 S. Long 159.46 E.
- Jan 11th 762 Wednesday Eve
Squally with rain; strong breezes from the South. Running to the North for Lord Howe's Island to get recruits. There seen two sails to day.
Lat 36.00 S. Long 160.14 E
- Jan 12th 763 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes from the South; no whales in sight. Saw two sails to day.
Lat 34.23 S. Long 160.13 E.
- Jan 13th 764 Friday Eve
Strong breezes from N. N. W. first part and latter part wind changed suddenly to the S. W. with rain. Lat 34.24 S. Long 162 E
- Jan 14th 765 Saturday Eve
First part very moderate breezes and latter part strong breezes from the N. Very unsettled weather. Lat 34.56 S. Long 163.21 E
- Jan 15th 766 Sunday Eve
Blowing a gale of wind from N. N. W. and latter part raining. Bound to the E. as there is nothing here for us. Lat 35.15 S.
- Jan 16th 767 Monday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant. Saw two sails. Raised whales - covered and the S. B struck and turned him up, continued to chase on and the E. Corning's boats came and we sailed with them; one of her boats struck and took him to their ship. Shall not cut him in until tomorrow if weather admits. Lat 35.17 S. Long 166.19 E
- Jan 17th 768 Tuesday Eve
Fine breezes from S. S. E. and pleasant. Commenced cutting in early this morning - finished and started the harks. The E. Corning in company boiling. The Swift had gone off to the North.
Lat 34.56 S. Long 166.17 E.

1860 Cruising on New Zealand

- Jan 18th 769 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes from E & E and squally. Michael went on board the E Corning and spent the day & Mr Baker came on board of us. Both ships finish boiling tonight.
- Jan 19th 770 Thursday Eve
Light airs and no whales in sight. The E Corning on our weather beam. Lat 34.49 S. Long 165.59 E.
(Judge our Chron. is one degree too far to the westward)
- Jan 20th 771 Friday Eve
Light airs and beautiful weather but nothing in sight. Cooped the oil to stow down to morrow Lat 34.37 S Long 166.32 E
- Jan 21st 772 Saturday Eve
Fine breezes from the south. All hands busy stowing down oil and finished to night. Capt Rotch came on board to tea Lat 34.34 S Long 167.40 E.
- Jan 22nd 773 Sunday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant wind W.S.W. The E Corning in company steering in toward the Kings.
- Jan 23rd 774 Monday Eve
Strong breezes from W.S.W. and squally. Nothing in sight (Saw whales round the ship at dark) Lat 34.06 S Long 170.03 E.
- Jan 24th 775 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes from the South and pleasant. Spoke the Bart. Gosnold Capt Clark 16 mi with 500 barrels. Capt Clark came on board and spent the evening. Lat 34.11 S Long 170.20 E.
- Jan 25th 776 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes from South & S.E. and pleasant. Three sails in sight to day. Lat 33.56 S Long 170.22 E.
- Jan 26th 777 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes from E.N.E. and squally. A ship in sight to the midward. Latter part a gale of wind. Lat 34.08 S Long 170.00 E.
- Jan 27th 778 Friday Eve
Blowing a gale of wind from the north ~~and~~ the wind changed very suddenly to the south. Latter part more moderate. A sail in sight.
- Jan 28th 779 Saturday Eve
Strong breezes from the S.S.W. and squally. Saw the Kings at 12 o'clock and passed them at 4 o'clock in company with the Bart. Gosnold - she is bound into Mangamua and on off the Bay of Islands. Found our Chronometer 49 miles too far to the westward. Lat 34.09 S. Long 172.10 E.

1860 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford.

Jan 29th 780 Sunday Eve

Strong breezes with wind S S E and still hauling to the E. The B. Gonola in company with us until 4 o'clock then went out of sight on the other tack bound into Hongkum.

Lat 34.01 S Long 174.13 E.

Jan 30th 781 Monday Eve

Blowing a gale of wind from the East and rugged. Oh! New Zealand I hate the sound of it for it is such a rugged place. Hope to one day get home new more to come on it again here!

Lat 33.44 S Long 174.45 E.

Jan 31st 782 Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from E. S. E. first part of the day. Killed whales at daylight - lowered all three boats and the main boat struck and killed him; took him alongside at 8 o'clock - commenced cutting him and finished at 4 o'clock. Spoke the Mr. Holliston & Petrel.

Lat 34.08 S Long 174.37 E.

Feb. 1st 783 Wednesday Eve

Strong breezes from E. S. E. and pleasant. Busy boiling - nothing in sight.

Lat 33.51 S Long 174.47 E

Feb 2^d 784 Thursday Eve

Blowing a gale of wind from E S E and rugged. Busy boiling

Lat 33.13 S Long 174.48 E

Feb 3^d 785 Friday Eve

Blowing a gale of wind and very rugged. Two sails in sight. Finished boiling this morning.

Feb 4th 786 Saturday Eve

Strong breezes from E. S. E. and rugged weather. The Mr. Holliston & Petrel, in sight.

Lat 33.03 S Long 173.55 E

Feb 5th 787 Sunday Eve

Strong breezes from the E and pleasant weather. The Mr. Holliston in sight.

Lat 33.52 S Long 173.50 E.

Feb 6th 788 Monday Eve

Strong breezes from the E and pleasant. Busy coopersing to stow tomorrow. Capt. Coffin came on board last night and stopped until this evening.

Lat 33.00 S Long 174.15 E.

Feb 7th 789 Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from E and squally. All hands busy stowing down oil. Nothing in sight.

Lat 32.08 S Long 174.25 E.

Feb 8th 790 Wednesday Eve

Light breezes and squally. Saw two sail to the windward. Nothing that looks like whales.

Lat 32.03 S Long 174.25 E

1860 Cruising on New Zealand.

- Feb 9th 791 Thursday Eve
Very light breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Caught a very large Sunfish. Nothing in sight.
- Feb 10th 792 Friday Eve
Light breezes from N.W. and pleasant. A sail in sight. Lat 32-16 S Long 174-35 E.
- Feb 11th 793 Saturday Eve
Light breezes from the S.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight - little whales. Lat 32-13 S Long 175-05 E.
- Feb 12th 794 Sunday Eve
Fine breezes from N.N.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight. How long shall I have to wait that? Not long I hope for I feel anxious to see whales. Lat 32-55 S Long 175-53 E.
- Feb 13th 795 Monday Eve
Light breezes from the north and latter part squally with rain. Lat 33-10 S Long 177-01 E.
- Feb 14th 796 Tuesday Eve
Fine breezes from N.N.W. and cloudy weather. Nothing in sight. Lat 32-41 S Long 178-10 E.
- Feb 15th 797 Wednesday Eve
Light breezes from N.S.W. and beautiful weather for whales but none in sight. Lat 31-40 S Long 178-50 E.
- Feb 16th 798 Thursday Eve
Light breezes from the West first part - latter part wind round to the E and moderate. A ship to the windward Lat 31-31 S Long 179-20 E.
- Feb 17th 799 Friday Eve
Light breezes and pleasant. The Herald of N.B. Capt. Beebe & Mr. with 200 sp. spoke out and the Captain came on board and spent the evening. Lat 31-30 S Long 179-26 E.
- Feb 18th 800 Saturday Eve
Strong breezes ^{from the North} and squally. Raised whales early this morning - lowered and struck a very large whale which ran very bad - so much so neither of the five boats could strike, at last he started to windward very fast and the boat was soon out of sight. We sat all columns for her to cut from him which he did as it came in very thick and rainy. So for nothing to day.
- Feb 19th 801 Sunday Eve
Light breezes and raised the W. Thompson whaling - lowered our boats also the Herald's for she is in company with us. Chased them until dark but they were very wild. Capt. Beebe on board. Lat 31-37 S Long 179-10 E.

1860 Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford.

Feb 20th 802 Monday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant. Raised the W^m Thompson whaling - lowered our boats and got down to them as they had struck but they lost him. If we had had a breeze which we should have struck but did not, hard luck this being the third day we have seen whales and got none for they are very wild indeed.

Lat 31.32 S Long 179.15 E

Feb 21st 803 Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from N.N.E. and squally. The Herald in sight.

Feb 22^d 804 Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant. Visualized the Concord bound towards the Bay. Lat 31.18 S Long 179.00 E.

Feb 23^d 805 Thursday Eve

Light breezes from the E. and squally. The W^m Thompson came down and spoke us.

Lat 31.30 S Long 179.18 E

Feb 24th 806 Friday Eve

Fine breezes and squally. The W^m Thompson in sight. Raised whales lowered and Waiset boat struck and got store. The other boats picked up the whale and killed him. The weather looks squally & bad but hope to save him.

Lat 31.39 S Long 179.49 E.

Feb 25th 807 Saturday Eve

Blowing strong and very breezy for cutting. Hooked on at daylight and finished at 9 o'clock. Three ships in sight to day.

Lat 31.27 S Long 179.35 E.

Feb 26th 808 Sunday Eve

Very strong breezes from S.E. and all hands busy boiling - finished tonight.

Lat 31.49 S Long 179.54 E.

Feb 27th 809 Monday Eve

Fine breezes from S.E. and beautiful weather. Noth^y in sight. Coopered the oil for stowing down to morrow.

Lat 32.52 S Long 177.50 E.

Feb 28th 810 Tuesday Eve

Very light air - raised whales very early this morning lowered and the Larboard boat struck a very large whale turned him up and towed him to the ship. Got dinner and hooked on to cut. Shall finish this evening. This has been a beautiful day to cut in so large a whale and am very thankful for it.

Lat 33.14 S Long 177.41 E.

1860 Cruising on New Zealand

- Feb 29th 811 Wednesday Eve
 Fine breezes from S.W. and pleasant. This morning boiled the case and commenced boiling. We are now working towards the Bay as our water is getting low. Lat 33.25 S Long 177.59 E
- March 1st 812 Thursday Eve
 Very light airs and fine weather for boiling. Nothing in sight - all hands busy. Lat 33.30 S Long 177.41 E
- March 2nd 813 Friday Eve
 Very light breezes from S.E. and beautiful weather. Finished boiling this afternoon and shall stow some oil down tomorrow. Lat 33.38 S Long 177.08 E.
- March 3rd 814 Saturday Eve
 Light breezes and pleasant. All hands busy stowing down oil and stowing off the ~~box~~^{after} hold. Spoke the ship Corinthian of N.B. Capt Lewis came on board a few moments but soon went on board as their boats were lowered from his ship for whales in supper but did not see anything afterwards. Lat 34.00 S Long 176.22 E
- March 4th 815 Sunday Eve
 Very light breezes and pleasant. Busy finishing stowing down. Nothing in sight. Lat 34.22 S Long 175.31 E.
- March 5th 816 Monday Eve
 First part strong breeze from S.W. Spoke the James Arnold just out of the Bay - Michael went on board and got some potatoes and other things which was a treat to us. We expect to go in tomorrow. Lat 34.35 S Long 175.06 E
- March 6th 817 Tuesday Morn
 Strong breeze and squally with wind N.E. Made the land early and arrived in about noon with bad weather. Another ship bound in also
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- March 28 818 Wednesday Eve
 Light airs from N.N.W. and pleasant. Left for the ship at 9 o'clock A.M. and was off Cap. Beut at 4 o'clock P.M. in company with the E.L. Jeffrey, Hianasha & Sea Shell. Capt. Marsh came on board and spent the evening.
- March 29th 819 Thursday Eve
 Fine breeze from S.W. and pleasant. Capt Marsh on board until 9 o'clock this evening. The Hianasha in sight. Lat 34.31 S Long 176.00 E.

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March 30th 820 Friday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant; steering to the N. E. The Hiawatha we spoke and Capt Ellis came on board and spent the evening.

Lat 33.41 S. Long 176.55 E.

March 31st 821 Saturday Eve

Light breezes and pleasant but no whales in sight. To night one ship in sight.

Lat 33.34 S. Long 177.50 E

April 1st 822 Sunday Eve

Very light airs from S. S. E. and pleasant. A sail in sight to night on the other tack into the west.

Lat 33.19 S. Long 178.32 E

April 2^d 823 Monday Eve

Very strong breezes and rugged. Saw the Hiawatha Sea Gull and two other ships. At 5 o'clock P.M. ran down and spoke the Sea Gull and Capt and Mrs Nichols came on board and spent the night.

Lat 33.42 S. Long 178.50 E.

April 3^d 824 Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from E. and pleasant. The Hiawatha & Cassack came down and the Captains came on board & passed the evening. Seven ships in sight to day.

April 4th 825 Wednesday Eve

Strong breezes from E. N. E. and cloudy. Latter part with rain. The Belle of Fairhaven ran across our bows but did not answer our hail which was very kind of him indeed! The Sea Gull in sight to day.

Lat 32.20 S. No. 10

April 5th 826 Thursday Eve

Very light breezes from N and thick fog with showers of rain. A sail in sight on the weather beam.

Lat 32.32 S.

April 6th 827 Friday Eve

First part thick fog with rain wind easterly. Saw a bark to the leeward. Latter part strong breeze and very unpleasant weather.

Lat 32.31 S. Long 178.47 E.

April 7th 828 Saturday Eve

Very strong breezes from E and rugged. Nothing in sight.

Lat 32.21 S. Long 178.38 E.

April 8th 829 Sunday Eve

Strong breezes from E. S. E. and rugged first part. Spoke the Herald at noon & Capt Beebe came on board. At night the Sea Gull came down in company with the Harbely and we all went on board and spent the evening very pleasantly; received letters from home &c.

1860 Cruising on New Zealand

- April 9th 830 Monday Eve
Strong breezes from E and squally. The Maserly in sight
Nothing in sight that looks like whales. Lat 31.37 S. Long 179.05 E.
- April 10 831 Tuesday Eve
Strong breezes and squally also very rugged
- April 11th 832 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes from E and rugged - thick and raining
The Herald in sight but no whales; Oh! where are they
- April 12th 833 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes from the E and not so rugged as common
The Sea Gull off the weather quarter. Lat 31.32 S. Long 179.49 E.
- April 13th 834 Friday Eve
Strong breezes from E and squally with rain. Nothing
in sight - to day. Lat 32.10 S. Long 179.42 E
- April 14th 835 Saturday Eve
Strong breezes from E N E and rugged. Spoke the
Back Allen - Captain of N. B. Capt. Walker 6 1/2 months from
home. Michael went on board to see the mate William Watson
Lat 33.00 S. Long 180.00
- April 15th 836 Sunday Eve
Very strong breezes from N N E and squally. Nothing
in sight. Lat 33.36 S. Long 179.31 W.
- April 16th 837 Monday Eve
Light breezes from N. with rain - a disagreeable day.
- April 17th 18th 838 839 Tuesday & Wednesday
Blowing a gale of wind from S.S.E.
- April 19th 840 Thursday Eve
Blowing strong from S.S.E. and rugged. A ship in sight
Lat 33.09 S. Long 179.56 E.
- April 20th 841 Friday Eve
Blowing a gale of wind from the South and rugged
Lat 32.27 S. Long 178.58 W.
- April 21st 842 Saturday Eve
Blowing a gale of wind from the South. Run to the N E
until 11 o'clock A.M. and luffed to on account of a bad sea
A ship in sight all day. Lat 32.06 S. Long 177.58 W.
- April 22nd 843 Sunday Eve
Strong breezes from South but better weather than we
have had in a fortnight. Bound to the North East of
Sunday Island to cruise. Hope to see whales soon for we are
having been days and. Lat 31.14 S. Long 177.39 W.

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Ship "Gazelle" of New Bedford

April 23^d 844

Monday Eve

Fine breeze South and pleasant. Saw a ship with
no maintop sail set also the land — Goat & Sunday Island
Lat 29.48 S. Long 178.04 W

April 24th 845

Tuesday Eve

Light breeze from East and beautiful weather. Saw a large
merchant ship bound by the wind to the South Lat 29.00 S. Long 177.54 W

April 25th 846

Wednesday Eve

Very light air and beautiful weather. Busy repairing
the waist boat; nothing in sight. Lat 28.20 S. Long 177.31 W.

April 26th 847

Thursday Eve

Fine breeze from S.S.E. and pleasant — nothing in sight
Oh! when are the whales? Not seen one since out of port.

April 27th 848

Friday Eve

Strong breeze from E.S.E. and rugged. Nothing in sight.

April 28th 849

Saturday Eve

Strong breeze from E.S.E. and pleasant. Busy mending
a boat; nothing in sight. Lat 27.09 S. Long 176.26 W.

April 28th 850

Saturday Eve

Fine breeze from E.S.E. and pleasant weather. Finished
repairing boats; Changed the day to day. Lat 25.05 S. Long 175.45 W

April 29th 851

Sunday Eve

Strong breeze from E and rugged. Raised whales at
4 o'clock P.M. — Covered and L. boat struck and the whale took
his line. The W. boat struck another whale and killed him
took him alongside at dark. Lat 24.58 S. Long 175.10 W.

April 30th 852

Monday Eve

First part fine weather and moderate — commenced
cutting in the whale at sunrise and finished at 10 o'clock
The Cossack came down and spoke us and Capt. Perkins
came on board and spent part of the day but had to
return on account of bad weather and it being very
rugged. Lat 25.06 S. No Obs

May 1st

853

Tuesday Eve

Strong breeze from E.S.E. and rainy. Busy boiling — the
Cossack in sight, very rugged. Latter part wind hauled to the N.

May 2^d

854

Wednesday Eve

Strong breeze from N.N.E. and rugged but nothing
in sight. Bad weather for whaling.
Lat 26.06 S. Long 175.10 W.

1860 Cruising for Sperm Whales.

- May 3^d 855 Thursday Eve
Rainy day and squally weather. No sail in sight.
- May 4th 856 Friday Eve
Strong breezes and pleasant; steering to the North
- May 5th 857 Saturday Eve
Fine breezes from S.W. and pleasant with a heavy swell ship rolling as we are running off to the North
Lat 25° 30' S. Long 174° 46' W.
- May 6th 858 Sunday Eve
Light breezes from S.E. and pleasant. A sail in sight - but no whales. Lat 24° 55' S. Long 174° 53' W.
- May 7th 859 Monday Eve
Light air from the South and pleasant. All hands busy stowing down oil. Nothing in sight. Lat 24° 49' S. Long 174° 40' W.
- May 8th 860 Tuesday Eve
Light air from N.W. and pleasant. No whales seen to day - oh where are they? Lat 24° 41' S. Long 174° 46' W.
- May 9th 861 Wednesday Eve
Light breezes from N and baffling weather looking bad to the S.W. Latter part wind changed to S.W. Saw a large buck this forenoon but no more of it since. Lat 25° 04' S. Long 175° 18' W.
- May 10th 862 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes from S.W. and pleasant. Saw a fin back also the Cossack came down and Capt Perkins came on board and spent the evening. Lat 25° 00' S. Long 174° 57' W.
- May 11th 863 Friday Eve
Fine breezes from S.E. and beautiful weather; the ground looking very dull indeed. The Cossack in sight off the lee quarter. Lat 25° 08' S. Long 174° 12' W.
- May 12th 864 Saturday Eve
Fine cruising breezes from S.E. and pleasant. The whales are not visible here - nothing in sight but the Cossack. Lat 24° 00' S. Long 173° 42' W.
- May 13th 865 Sunday Eve
Strong breezes from E and pleasant. The Cossack in sight. Lat 23° 18' S. Long 174° 07' W.
- May 14th 866 Monday Eve
Very strong breezes from S.E. and squally weather. Have concluded to go north to the Navigator Islands if wind will admit. Weather getting bad here now and no whales to be found. No Ob.

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- May 15th 867 Tuesday Eve.
Very strong breezes from E & E.S.E. and rugged.
Barring sail to work to the windward.
- May 16th 868 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes from N.E. and raining thick weather.
The barometer falling think we shall have the wind out
to the S.W. Have not seen the sun to get a good
latitude for several days. Hop soon to have a fair
wind to work north in better weather for I am tired tired
of this N. Zealand. Oh when will the day arrive for us to
get home? Soon I hope!
- May 17th 869 Thursday Eve
Very light and baffling winds from N & N.W. with rain.
Nothing in sight.
- May 18th 870 Friday Eve
Very light air from N and beautiful weather. Saw
finbacks. Lat 22°40 S. Long 172°50 W.
- May 19th 871 Saturday Eve
Very light air with rain. The water looking good for whales
Lat 22°18 S.
- May 20th 872 Sunday Eve
Light wind from S. and pleasant. A ship to the eastward
in sight but nothing like whales. Lat 21.23 S. Long 172°09 W.
- May 21st 873 Monday Eve
Fine breezes and beautiful weather. Saw porpoises and
finbacks. A ship running down past our bow.
Lat 20.20 S. Long 171.52 W.
- May 22^d 874 Tuesday Eve
Fine pleasant weather with wind S.E. The ship
proved to be the Herald - Capt Beebe came on board
and spent the night and goes on board to night
Lat 18.58 S. Long 171.19 W.
- May 23^d 875 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes from E and pleasant. The Herald in
sight to the N bound to Topolua. To night lay with
main yard back to look over this ground to morrow.
Lat 17.40 S. Long 171.33 W.
- May 24th 876 Thursday Eve
Light breezes and squally - bound north. Saw finbacks
this morning. Nothing in sight.

1860 Bound for the Line sperm whaling.

- May 25th 877 Friday Eve
Squally weather with rain plenty - running for the land
- nothing in sight Lat 15..30..S. Long 170.59 W.
- May 26th 878 Saturday Eve
Fine breeze from all parts of the compass. Saw the land
early this morning and got off the north side at dark.
- May 27th 879 Sunday Eve
Fine breeze and squally the first part of the day
The pilot came on board and this afternoon shall go on
shore to walk over across the island to visit the missionaries
family.
- May 31st 880 Thursday Eve
Fine beautiful weather - came from Pago Pago after
visiting Mr & Mrs Powell but found it a very bad walk
over the mountains; Coming back was brought on in a
chain by the natives and got on board the ship at dark.
- June 1st 881 Friday Eve
Fine weather - cruising off the north side of this
Island but have not seen anything like whales yet.
- June 2^d 882 Saturday Eve
Fine breeze and pleasant weather - saw jumpers. Have
a bad toothach to contend with which is not very pleasant.
- June 4th 883 Sunday Eve
Strong breeze and fine weather but nothing in sight
This is tedious cruising - seeing nothing.
- June 5th 884 Monday Eve
Strong breeze but fine weather for whaling - oh where are the
whales?
- June 6th 885 Tuesday Eve
Fine breeze from E and pleasant. This morning the
bark Atlantic of Nantucket came down and spoke
us and Capt Colman came on board a few moments
- then kept off for Upolu. Nothing in sight.
- June 7th 886 Wednesday Eve
Strong breeze from E.S.E. and pleasant - run off toward
Upolu but cannot find the whales - oh where are they?
- June 8th 887 Thursday Eve
Strong breeze and pleasant first part of the day. Saw
blackfish - lowered and S. boat took a large one which
stove his boat very bad indeed. Took her in when the weather
came in squally - started for Upolu to anchor to get wood & water

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Cruising off Navigators Islands.

June 9th 888

Friday Eve

Equally with rain - running down the north side of Upolu and shall go in soon if nothing prevents.
Came to anchor about 5 o'clock this afternoon

June 17th 889

Monday Eve (our Sunday)

Beautiful weather - came on board and came to sea this forenoon after a very pleasant visit of one week with Mr Williams family. Left the Herald and bark Atlantic in port.

June 18th 890

Monday Eve

Fine breeze from the E. and pleasant. To night out of sight of the land bound in for the line. Nothing in sight. We are 34 months out to day and have taken but 37 barrels since last March - oh what luck but hope to see them soon

June 19th 891

Tuesday Eve

Strong breezes from E and equally weather. Nothing in sight.
Lat 91.51 S. Long 170.24 W

June 20th 892

Wednesday Eve

Strong breezes from E S E and pleasant. Nothing in sight.
Lat 10.44 S. Long 169.22 W

June 21st 893

Thursday Eve

First part strong breezes from S. S. E. and equally with rain. Latter part light baffling winds. No obs.

June 22^d 894

Friday Eve

Light air and equally - nothing in sight.

Lat 9.49 S. Long 168.22 W

June 23^d 895

Saturday Eve

Strong breeze from S. S. E. and pleasant.

Lat 9.45 S. Long 167.50

June 24th 896

Sunday Eve

Light air and equally with rain.

Lat 8.42 S. Long 167.17

June 25th 897

Monday Eve

First part light air from the eastward. Latter part fine breezes and pleasant. Busy repairing the Starboard boat. Saw black fish

Lat 7.53 S. Long 167.01

June 26th 898

Tuesday Eve

Light air and very warm weather. Plenty of porpoises round the ship and caught one.

Lat 7.53 S. Long 166.56 W

1860 Bound for the Line to cruise

- June 27th 899 Wednesday Eve
Calm weather and very sultry. Mending sails and repairing a boat. Lat 7.13 S. Long 166.48 W.
- June 28th 900 Thursday Eve
Light airs and baffling with rain and then a squall. Finished repairing the Starboard boat and painting the bow boat. Lat 6.34 S Long 166.16 W.
- June 29th 901 Friday Eve
First part strong breezes from the N. and squally. Latter part wind unsteady. Think we have a ~~N.E.~~ current setting to the N.E. Cloudy - not able to get an observation.
- June 30th 902 Saturday Eve
Calm with much rain - very tedious getting along. Saw a piece of squid go past. Not able to get an observation.
- July 1st 903 Sunday Eve
First part fine little breezes from E.N.E. and squally. Saw fish round to day. Lat 6.06 S Long 165.33 W.
- July 2nd 904 Monday Eve
Fine little breezes from the N. and unsteady. Busy cleaning and oiling the ship's ~~chairs~~. Nothing in sight. Then oh where are the whales? Lat 5.27 S. Long 165.20 W.
- July 3rd 905 Tuesday Eve
Fine breeze from N.E. and beautiful weather. Everything looking well for whales but none in sight. Oh if we might but get some to morrow just to celebrate the fourth. This is Mother's birth day if a living - hope one year from to day to be at home to spend the day with them and find them all well is the wish of Nellie Baker that is in the Lat 4.37 S. Long 165.42 W.
- July 4th 906 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes from N.E. by E. and pleasant. Nothing seen to day that looks like whales. I suppose at home to day they have had a pleasant time and how I would like to have been there to enjoyed it with them; however I hope to be there next year this time if our lives are spared to be returned. Lat 3.34 S Long 165.57 W.
- July 5th 907 Thursday Eve
Light breezes from N.E. and pleasant. No whales yet seen but do hope soon to have that pleasure. Lat 2.50 S. Long 166.07 W.
- July 6th 908 Friday Eve
Light breezes and pleasant. Busy fitting the over head boat to lower when we see whales. Lat 2.04 S Long 166.24 W.

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- July 7th 909 Saturday Eve
 Fine breeze from the E and pleasant. Everything
 in sight but whales. Lat 1.04 S. Long 165.51 W.
- July 8th 910 Sunday Eve
 Fine breeze from E and pleasant. Grampases
 blackfish and everything looks well for whales. Crossed
 the line to day. Lat 00.00 S. Long 165.00 W.
- July 9th 911 Monday Eve
 Light airs from S. N. E. and pleasant. No whales seen
 yet but everything looks well for them. Lat 00.12 N. Long 164.45 W.
- July 10th 912 Tuesday Eve
 Light breezes from E. N. E. and pleasant. Raised whales
 at 1/2 past 3 o'clock this afternoon lowered all four boats
 and the Starboard boat struck and took him alongside
 after dark. The whales were going slow to the leeward before
 they struck. Lat 00.11 N. Long 164.28 W.
- July 11th 913 Wednesday Eve
 Fine breezes from the E and pleasant. Commenced
 cutting in at daylight also began to boil. Raised large
 breaches early but they proved to be finbacks.
 Lat 00.05 S. Long 164.15 W.
- July 12th 914 Thursday Eve
 Strong breezes from E by N and rugged. Finbacks
 in sight. Finished boiling. Lat 00.06 S. Long 163.58 W.
- July 13th 915 Friday Eve
 Strong breezes from S. E. and pleasant. Saw finbacks
 Lat 00.08 S. Long 163.57 W.
- July 14th 916 Saturday Eve
 Strong breezes from E. S. E. and pleasant - nothing in sight
 Stowed down oil to day. Lat 1.27 N. Long 164.19 W.
- July 15th 917 Sunday Eve
 Strong breezes from E N E and pleasant. Nothing in sight
 worthy of observation. Oh! how I would like to be at home tonight!
 Lat 1.27 S. Long 164.21 W.
- July 16th 918 Monday Eve
 Strong breezes from E and pleasant but rugged - Nothing in sight
 Lat 00.09 N. Long 164.23 W.
- July 17th 919 Tuesday Eve
 Strong breezes from S. E. and pleasant, very rugged.
 Birds in sight - &c. Hope soon to see whales but get them
 so as to get a voyage and go home. Lat 00.07 S. Long 164.22 W.

1860 Cruising on the Seine

- July 18th 920 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes from E.W.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight - but the water looks well also birds. Lat 00.56 S. Long 164.30 W.
- July 19th 921 Thursday Eve
Fine breezes from E.S.E. and beautiful weather for whaling but the same story continued nothing in sight. Lat 00.19 S. Long 164.26 W.
- July 20th 922 Friday Eve
Fine breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight. Oh dear how tired I am of putting down that - Nothing in sight - Lat 00.10 S. Long 164.57 W.
- July 21st 923 Saturday Eve
Strong breezes from E.S.E. and very rugged for this part of the world. Saw grampas. Lat 00.25 S. Long 166.12 W.
- July 22nd 924 Sunday Eve
Strong breezes from E.S.E. and not quite as rugged as yesterday. Nothing in sight. Oh when are we to see whales and get them for we are almost three years out and want to return home next year but now it looks very doubtful as we have seen whales but twice in four months, but we should not complain I know for all things work for the best. Lat 00.45 S. Long 167.05 W.
- July 23rd 925 Monday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant - running off N.W. Nothing in sight - oh dear! Lat 00.45 S. Long 168.03 W.
- July 24th 926 Tuesday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant. Saw porpoises and got one. Lat 00.16 S. Long 168.54 W.
- July 25th 927 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant - Cooks very dull indeed. Lat 1.14 S. Long 169.02 W.
- July 26th 928 Thursday Eve
Fine breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Run off to the S.W. part of the day and latter part to the N.W. Saw porpoises. Lat 1.50 S. Long 170.07 W.
- July 27th 929 Friday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant. Nothing in sight - What a wonder!! Lat 00.51 S. Long 171.08 W.
- July 28th 930 Saturday Eve
Fine breezes from E.S.E. and squally. Saw blackfish and porpoises to day first to change the scene. Oh how I wish myself home to night. Lat 00.07 N Long 171.41 W.

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- July 29th 931 Sunday Eve
 Fine breeze from E & N E and pleasant but nothing
 in sight but birds. Lat 00.18 N. Long 172.38 W.
- July 30th 932 Monday Eve
 Strong breezes from E and pleasant.
 Lat 00.44 S. Long 172.40 W.
- July 31st 933 Tuesday Eve
 Fine breezes from E & N E and pleasant. Saw blackfish
 and No. Coward and got one. Lat 00.12 S. Long 173.30 W.
- Aug 1st 934 Wednesday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant - nothing in sight
 Lat 00.30 S. Long 174.25 W.
- Aug 2nd 935 Thursday Eve
 Fine breeze from N.E. and pleasant. Saw blackfish
 Lat 00.10 N Long 175.14 W.
- Aug 3rd 936 Friday Eve
 Light breezes and pleasant. Saw many birds - porpoises
 and blackfish. Lat 00.14 S. Long 175.22 W.
- Aug 4th 937 Saturday Eve
 Raised the land at daylight in company with
 the Japan and E Swift - all met on shore.
- Aug 5th 938 Sunday Eve
 Fine breezes and pleasant - came on board to night
 also Capt Grant and Hutchinson. Capt Bebe still
 remains on the island for his ^{ship} has not returned and
 neither will it is the opinion of all. Capt Grant
 stopped all night.
- Aug 6th 939 Monday Eve
 Strong breezes and pleasant. The land in sight also
 the Japan & E Swift. The captains are on shore
- Aug 7th 940 Tuesday Eve
 Strong breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Capt Grant & Chase
 came on board and stopped all night. The land in sight
- Aug 8th 941 Wednesday Eve
 Strong breezes and pleasant. The captains on board
 but goes on board their ships to night. Nothing in sight.
- Aug 9th 942 Thursday Eve
 Strong breezes and pleasant - nothing in sight
 Lat 00.12 N Long 179.07 W.

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- Aug 10th 943 Friday Eve
 Light breeze and pleasant. The Japan run down and
 Capt. Grant came on board to spend the night.
 Lat 00-18 S. Long 179.49 W.
- Aug 12th 944 Sunday Eve
 Squally and very warm. Saw blackfish lowered and
 took one. Changed the day judging ourselves west of the
 meridian. Capt. Grant went on board to night.
- Aug 13th 945 Monday Eve
 First part calm and very warm. The Japan in
 sight. Latter part squally with rain.
 Lat 1.51 S. Long 179.28 E.
- Aug 14th 946 Tuesday Eve
 Calm and very warm weather. Lowered for blackfish and
 got two large ones. The Japan in sight most of the day.
 Lat 2.11 S. Long 179.10 E.
- Aug 15th 947 Wednesday Eve
 Very light breeze and pleasant. Boiled out the
 blackfish - the water looks well for whales. The Japan
 in sight. A strong current here. Lat 2.04 S. Long 179.07 E
- Aug 16th 948 Thursday Eve
 Fine breeze from S.E. and squally with rain. The Japan
 out of sight to night. Lat 1.30 S. Long 178.32 E
- Aug 17th 949 Friday Eve
 Light breeze and squally weather. No whales seen
 yet - oh where are they. Lat 1.10 S Long 179.12 E
- Aug 18th 950 Saturday Eve
 Fine breeze and pleasant weather. Saw blackfish
 and porpoises. Three years out to day and have not
 seen whales but twice in five months!! am almost
 discouraged. I hope once more to arrive home and
 never more to try again one of these trying long voyages
 four years will suffice for me if I live to see it come
 round. Lat 1.36 S. Long 178.51 E.
- Aug 19th 951 Sunday Eve
 Fine breeze from S.E. and pleasant. Steved into the S
 until 3 o'clock this afternoon then luffed by the wind - nothing
 in sight. Lat 00.38 S Long 178.19 E
- Aug 20th 952 Monday Eve
 Fine breeze from E.S.E. and pleasant. Saw fish and porpoises
 but nothing looks like whales. Lat 1.54 S Long 177.26 E.

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Aug 21st 953 Tuesday Eve

Fine breezes from E & N.E. and pleasant weather. We are N.E. of Byron's Island just out of sight of the land but see nothing looks like whales. Lat 7.09 S. Long 177.05 E.

Aug 22^d 954 Wednesday Eve

Very light breezes and pleasant. Saw spouts and called them sperm whales going quick into the W. Lowered the boats twice for them but they proved to be killers. Lat 00.10 S. Long 176.36 E.

Aug 23^d 955 Thursday Eve

Fine breezes from S.S.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight except fish. Lat 00. Long 177.01 E.

Aug 24th 956 Friday Eve

Strong breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Saw breeches but do not know what it was way to mid-sea. Lat 00.15 S. Long 177.06 E.

Aug 25th 957 Saturday Eve

Fine breezes from E and pleasant. Ran down to Byron's Island and some crates came on board. A ship off the lee end of the Island but do not know who it is. Mr. Jefferd left the cabin and gone into the stowage on account of misconduct as an officer.

Aug 26th 958 Sunday Eve

Fine breezes from E and pleasant. The Napoleon here and Capt. Macy came on board and spent the day. Lat 1.52 S Long 176.32 E.

Aug 27th 959 Monday Eve

Strong breezes from the E. and pleasant. The Napoleon in company. We ran down on the west side of Byron's Island and many canoes came off but would not stop for them.

Aug 28th 960 Tuesday Eve

Light breezes from E. and pleasant. The ship in company but nothing in sight. Lat 00.16 S. Long 175.40 E.

Aug 29th 961 Wednesday Eve

Fine breezes from the E. and nothing in sight. Run off to day toward Sydenham's Island. No whales yet. Oh dear. Lat 00.10 S. Long 174.39 E.

Aug 30th 962 Thursday Eve

Strong breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant. Saw Sydenham's Island to day and now are working to the South as everything looks very dull. Lat 00.45 S. Long 174.02 E.

- 1860 *Barreling on the Line but finding nothing*
- Aug 31st 963 *Friday Eve*
 Strong breezes from E & E and equally. Strong
 current. Lat 2.02 S. Long 174.02 E
- Sept 1st 964 *Saturday Eve*
 Fine breezes from the East going to the south
 to see if the whales are not there. Lat 3.27 S. Long 173.58 E
- Sept 2^d 965 *Sunday Eve*
 Strong breezes from E and pleasant. Nothing in sight
 shall tack off part of the night into the north on account
 of a reef that is laid down. Lat 4.56 S. Long 173.58 E.
- Sept 3^d 966 *Monday Eve*
 Very strong breezes from ESE and equally; had quite a
 heavy squall this afternoon. Lat 6.24 S. Long 173.47 E.
- Sept 4th 967 *Tuesday Eve*
 Strong breezes from E and pleasant. Nothing in
 sight; have got a SE current Lat 7.46 S. Long 174.07 E
- Sept 5th 968 *Wednesday Eve*
 Very strong breezes from E & N & and equally. also
 very rugged. Saw many black birds. Lat 9.01 S. Long 174.23 E
- Sept 6th 969 *Thursday Eve*
 Strong breezes from E and fine weather. Making our
 way South. Lat 10.48 S. Long 174.41 E.
- Sept 7th 970 *Friday Eve*
 Squally weather and a fine breeze from SE. Raised
 whales a long ways to windward and still going
 down for them but they are out of sight. This is my
 birthday and I am still blessed with health which I
 hope to be thankful for. My little dog Nelly was killed
 to day for she had fits. Lat 11.55 S. Long 175.03 E
- Sept 8th 971 *Saturday Eve*
 Fine breezes from ESE and baffling. Saw porpoises and caught
 one, fish round the ship. Lat 12.51 S. Long 175.12 E.
- Sept 9th 972 *Sunday Eve*
 Blowing a gale of wind from S.E. which commenced
 last evening - very rugged indeed.
- Sept 10th 973 *Monday Eve*
 Strong breezes from ESE first part and rugged. Latter
 part quite moderate and wind gone down also the sea
 Lat 13.02 S. Long 174.18 E
- Sept 11th 974 *Tuesday Eve*
 Rugged and blowing - oh dear! I am tired to death
 of ship life. Drush Lat 14.27 S. Long 173.52 E.

1860 Ship "Gazelle" bound South

- Sept 12th 975 Wednesday Eve
Strong breezes from ESE and a heavy head beat sea
Nothing in sight. Lat 15.04 S. Long 173.56 E.
- Sept 13th 976 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes from ESE and pleasant. The sea is smoother
to day than it has been. Lat 17.02 S. Long 173.39 E
- Sept 14th 977 Friday Eve
Fine breezes from E and pleasant also very smooth. Saw
finbacks twice to day Lat 19.01 S. Long 173.37 E.
- Sept 15th 978 Saturday Eve
Calm weather and pleasant - nothing in sight.
Lat 20.21 S. Long 173.47 E
- Sept 16th 979 Sunday Eve
Very light air and boflying also rain in any quantities
Slow progress - not able to get an observation
- Sept 17th 980 Monday Eve
Thick and rainy with light air from S.E. Saw fish
and birds Lat 21.12 S. Long 173.08 E
- Sept 18th 981 Tuesday Eve
Fine breezes but squally with rain - disagreeable weather
and it seems quite cool. Lat 22.46 S. Long 172.47 E
- Sept 19th 982 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes and pleasant wind N.W. heading into the
eastward - nothing in sight. Lat 24.44 S. Long 172.56 E
- Sept 20th 983 Thursday Eve
Fine breezes from SSW and fine weather. Saw porpoises
Wind changed tonight to the S.E. Lat 24.53 S. Long 174.48 E
- Sept 21st 984 Friday Eve
Light air from S.E. and cloudy. Nothing in sight
Lat 25.29 S Long 174.28 E
- Sept 22nd 985 Saturday Eve
Very light breezes and pleasant. Mending sails &c.
Lat 26.15 S Long 173.24 E
- Sept 23rd 986 Sunday Eve
First part smooth and fine breezes from ESE. Latter part
strong breezes and rugged Lat 27.07 S. Long 171.26 E.
- Sept 24th 987 Monday Eve
Strong breezes from ESE and very rugged. Latter part
more moderate. Saw the land - Norfolk Island.
Tuesday Afternoon
Went on shore to stop a few weeks - the ship goes out for
a cruise.

Fornising On New Zealand

- Oct 4th 988th Thursday Eve
 Last night at 9 P. M. head & sudden
 shift of wind from N. N. W. to S. W. took is
 all paid to day. all day strong gales and
 clear peacock wind bearing to S. E. steering to
 right $\frac{1}{2}$ S. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. S. Ends Satt 28.40 P
 Lon 167.11 E
- Oct 5th 989 Friday Eve
 strong breezes and very unsteady from
 S. W. very rugged sea several finbacks
 lots of birds to Satt 28.11 Lon 165.39.8
- Oct 6th 990 Saturday Eve
 fine breezes from South steering $\frac{1}{2}$ S. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. quite
 a sea from S. W. of course Satt 28.08 Lon 163.57.8
- Oct 7th 990 Sunday Eve
 fine breezes from S. E. steering $\frac{1}{2}$ S. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. and
 beautiful weather to has been very lonely
 indeed now I do miss my life to twice after
 dinner I got laid down they sang out for
 spouts both proved to be finbacks steering
 to right S. W. Satt 28.46 Lon 161.44.8
- Oct 8th 991 Monday Eve
 splendid peacock wind S. and bearing to S. E.
 steering $\frac{1}{2}$ S. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. I have been very unwell
 indeed this day till at last cold to night I
 feel some better but very lonely all paid set
 Satt 29.33 Lon 160.07.8
- Oct 9th 992 Tuesday Eve
 first fast fine weather laid head yards aback
 all night - latter fast wind S. E. weather looks
 bad barometer falling now I am glad
 Nell is not here at 2 P. M. sea & Churchill
 reef dis 2 miles Satt 30.05 Lon 159.18.8
- Oct 10th 993 Wednesday Eve
 strong breezes wind bearing to S. W. and cleared off
 to day stood in close to Churchill reef saw
 several Humpbacks weather looks fair for a
 good day if we live to see tomorrow
 where are the whales Satt 30.09 Lon 159.08.8

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Ship Larrelle Cruising

- Oct 11 994 Thursday Eve
Begin with fine weather steering S.
see Lord Howe at 5 PM close in
on the NW part of the Island it looks
like a gate of wind to I feel
better for I am upright
- Oct 12 995 Friday Eve
strong winds and bad sea wind SSW heeling
West Lord Howe bearing S 80° 40 miles
- Oct 13 fine weather & light breezes steering S 80°
see one finback Lat 30.53 Lon 158.23
- Oct 14 996 Sunday Eve
Begin with fine weather at 4 PM pass
off the landing at Lord Howe see all
the flocks set out ones see lots of
humpbacks blackfish &c at sunset
Baromet bearing S 80° 8 miles another
gate coming on baromet falling
- Oct 15 997 Monday Eve
gate of wind all day wind heeled sudden to
SW blowing strong gates Lord Howe bearing
West 40 miles Lat 31.43 Lon 159.493
- Oct 16 998 Tuesday Eve
Strong winds steered off NW of this see
been a bad day for me how lonely
999 Lat 30.52 S
- Oct 17 Wednesday Eve
Strong winds very rugged steered off NW
see finbacks row see main top see heeling
Oh dear me Lat 29.32 Lon 159.34
- Oct 18 1000 Thursday Eve
fine weather steering NW 2 very lonely
indeed Lat 27.48 Lon 159.48
- Oct 19 1001 Friday Eve
pleasant weather and fine breezes from
N steering East see finbacks
Lat 27.22 Lon 160.04
- Oct 20 1002 Saturday Eve
fine weather steering East for Norfolk
wind heeling to W baromet falling
Lat 28.03 Lon 162.36

Crusoeing On Sea Level

- Oct 21 1003 Sunday Eve
fine breezes from S.W. steering E. saw
finbacks and a bark hinde steered to
S.W. rainy Licked Charly. Lat 28.22. Lon 163.00
- Oct 29th 1004 Monday Eve
Came on board from Norfolk Island after spending
5 weeks there with Mr. Thomas Rossiter's family.
Wind blowing strong with rain.
- Oct 30th 1005 Tuesday Eve
Blowing strong breezes from N.W. feeling rather seasick
but better to night. Bored south of the Island.
- Oct 31st 1006 Wednesday Eve
Very strong breezes from N.S.W. and squally - Rugged
and nothing in sight. Lat 31.08 S. Long 168.55 E
- Nov 1st 1007 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes from S.W. and squally also very rugged
Nothing in sight. Where oh where are the whales. Lat 31.51 S. Long 169.11
- Nov 2^d 1008 Friday Eve
Strong breezes from the South and squally; weather
looking a little better. Lat 32.20 S. Long 170.02 E.
- Nov 3^d 1009 Saturday Eve
Light breezes from the South and pleasant. Saw the bark
Antonia of Valparaiso for Sydney. Mr. Lapham went on
board a few moments. Lat 32.41 S. Long 170.39 E.
- Nov 4th 1010 Sunday Eve
Very light breezes from the South and pleasant. Nothing
in sight - trying to get to the south. Lat 32.58 S. Long 171.23 E
- Nov 5th 1011 Monday Eve
Very light airs from S.E. and pleasant. I am tired
saying nothing in sight. Lat 33.08 S. Long 171.52 E.
- Nov 6th 1012 Tuesday Eve
Light breezes from E.N.E. and beautiful weather.
Any number of finbacks round to day. Lat 34.00 S. Long 171.29 E
- Nov 7th 1013 Wednesday Eve
Fine breezes from E.N.E. and foggy. Saw blackfish
Lat 34.23 S. Long 171.03 E
- Nov 8th 1014 Thursday Eve
Strong breezes first part with rain. Latter part moderate
with wind N.N.W. and a heavy swell on also thick fog.
Blackfish all round the ship; judge our latitude to be
about 33.30 S. No obs.

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- Nov 9th 1015 Friday Eve
Strong breezes from N. and pleasant. Latter part very strong breezes and rugged with rain in squalls. Saw blackfish. Lat 34.16 S. Long 170.58 E
- Nov 10th 1016 Saturday Eve
Very strong breezes from N.W. and rugged. Nothing in sight. Lat 34.14 S. Long 171.02 E
- Nov 11th 1017 Sunday Eve
Light breezes from S.W. and pleasant. Saw the King this afternoon for off - very cloudy. Lat 33.50
- Nov 12th 1018 Monday Eve
Fine breezes from N.E. and beautiful weather. Saw the bark Breadstume of Sydney three days from Auckland. Mr. Robbins went on board and got papers. Lat 33.18 S. Long 171.50 E
- Nov 13th 1019 Tuesday Eve
Fine breezes from N.N.E. and rainy. Saw a finback. Nothing more in sight. No true observation
- Nov 14th 1020 Wednesday Eve
First part thick with rain. Latter part moderate with wind S. and pleasant. Lat 33.23 S. Long 173.02 E
- Nov 15th 1021 Thursday Eve
Light breezes from S.W. and fine weather for whaling but we are not troubled with that work as we have not seen a whale since last July! Lat 32.42 S. Long 174.23 E
- Nov 16th 1022 Friday Eve
Another fine day and still nothing in sight but finbacks. Those taken down our pines and taken it to pieces as it is of no use. Lat 32.06 S. Long 175.39
- Nov 17th 1023 Saturday Eve
Fine weather and wind from S.E. Another week passed and no whale - oh dear me I am almost discouraged thinking of getting home next year for I am tired of the sea life - too long to be from home! Lat 31.54 S. Long 177.10 E
- Nov 18th 1024 Sunday Eve
First part pleasant with wind E. Saw finbacks. Latter part rugged with wind veering to the N. Lat 33.06 S. Long 176.42
- Nov 19th 1025 Monday Eve
Light winds and squally with rain - wind got to the south - very little sea. Not able to get an observation.
- Nov 20th 1026 Tuesday Eve
Strong winds from the south and pleasant. Saw a ship to the windward and whaling to night. Lat 34.11 S. Long 178.02 E

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Nov 21st 1027

Wednesday Eve

Blowing very strong breezes and rugged. Nothing
in sight - Lat 34.22 S. Long 175.22 E

Nov 22 1028

Thursday Eve

Strong breezes from E. and rugged first part -
latter part more moderate; made the land of Cape Beut
and found our chronometer a degree out of the way.
Intend going on shore to-morrow in a boat to stop while
the ship continues on her cruise.

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1029

April 18th

Friday Eve

Came on board after being on shore five months bringing
with me a little son four weeks old. Intend to sail
on Monday for a long cruise and home. Think it time
for me are 4 months out to day yet we have been blessed
with health while many others who bid as fair to live as
we have passed away from earth and we know not how
soon our hour may come, but if prepared it matters not
- Such is Life - fleeting.

June 11th

1030

Tuesday

Bound into Upolo to night. Since we started for here
our darling boy had passed from this world to the
next. The disease was of the bowels and a great loss
indeed to us. He was born the 21st March and
died 1/4 of one o'clock yesterday 18th of June. He was
a beautiful child so bright and well until this
attack. It is hard hard to part with my only son
but with out doubt he was taken from this wicked
world for some good purpose. The Lord doeth not afflict
his people willingly, but ~~he~~ doeth all things well.
We intend to take the child on shore to-morrow to
bury him and oh how lonely it makes me feel. At
times it seems as though I could not endure it but
then I think what if it had been my husband instead
of my darling boy. Oh how much worse it would have
been. I cannot ~~bring~~ ^{bring} him back in this world of sin
for he is doubtless in Heaven for he knew no sin.
So beautiful for earth. Emma & Baker

1861

Bound to the Live

- June 19th 1031 Wednesday
 Canoe on board this morning after spending a week very pleasantly with Mr. Williams' family. Now bound on our last cruise before going home.
- June 20th 1032 Thursday
 Squally weather and feeling rather lonely. Hope to be fortunate this few months to come.
- June 21st 1033 Friday
 Squally weather and I feel very unwell. Three months ago to day that our dear little boy was born but he has finished his short career on earth and gone to a better world above. No obs.
- June 22^d 1034 Saturday
 Strong breezes from N.E. and E.N.E. and squally. Bound to cruise off these islands at the north. Oh how I long to get some more oil and go home if God can see fit to spare our lives for I am lonely and tired of being on board ship.
 Lat 11.06 S. Long 171. 19 W.
- June 23^d 1035 Sunday
 Feeling very unwell indeed and am obliged to have the ship go back toward Upolu.
- June 24th 1036 Monday
 Bound south and I feel a little more comfortable but very weak.
- June 25th 1037 Tuesday
 Find myself gaining in strength. Clear ^{had} a touch of the fever but through the goodness of God I am much better. Shall go in towards the land and cruise a short time in hopes of getting a whale.
- June 26th 1038 Wednesday
 Still gaining and hope soon to be up abouts. We are off Upolu cruising for a short time. Saw a sail to night.
- June 27th 1039 Thursday
 Pleasant weather and a sail in sight which proved to be the Gay Heaor Capt Lawrence. The Captain came on board a very few moments for he was bound into Apia. Saw the Japan lying at anchor there this morning.
- June 28th 1040 Friday
 Squally weather and strong breezes. Saw a sail running down the land for Apia.

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Bound to the Line

- June 29th 1041 Saturday
Strong breezes and squally first part.
To night bound to the north. Saw blackfish. The
land is out of sight to night.
- June 30th 1042 Sunday
A very squally day and very lonely to me.
Bound north where we hope to take oil and that
my health may be good there also. Lat 12.11 S. Long 169.57 W.
- July 1st 1043 Monday
Very strong breezes from S.E. and rugged. Making the
best of our way north. Lat 9.37 S. Long 168.53 W.
- July 2nd 1044 Tuesday
Squally weather with rain. Nothing of importance
Lat 7.57 S. Long 168.45 W.
- July 3rd 1045 Wednesday
Strong breezes and pleasant for a change. This is
my mother's birthday if a living and very lonely indeed
is she. Tomorrow is the forth 4 of July since we left
home oh! what a long time away from friends & home
Lat 6.39 S. Long 169.15 W.
- July 4th 1046 Thursday
Strong breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant. Nothing in
sight worthy of notice. A lonely fourth to day has been
to me and I do long to get home out of a confining
ship for it seems such to me. Lat 5.27 S. Long 169.15 W.
- July 5th 1047 Friday
Strong breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant. Nothing in sight
Lat 5.27 S. Long 169.25 W.
- July 6th 1048 Saturday
Strong breezes and very rugged. Saw fish and birds
Lat 2.44 S. Long 169.07 W.
- July 7th 1049 Sunday
Strong breezes and pleasant. A lonely sabbath
Lat 1.38 S. Long 169.06
- July 8th 1050 Monday
Very pleasant weather and water looks well for
whales. The sun was in an eclipse this afternoon
- July 9th 1051 Tuesday
Fine breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Michael has
finished a windsail to day. Saw a very large piece
of squid. Lat 0.40 S. Long 168.56 W.

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- July 10th 1052 Wednesday
Strong breezes from E and pleasant. Nothing in sight. On month ago to day since my dear little Willie died - oh dear how I miss him for everything looks lonely to me here in this cabin. Lat 2° 05' S. Long 169° 17' W.
- July 11th 1053 Thursday
Very strong breezes from S.E. and pleasant. Ran off to the westward in hopes to see the island of Enderby. Lat 3° 08' S. Long 170° 32' W.
- July 12th 1054 Friday
Strong breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant. Made the land and we went on shore where there were two men placed by the Guano Co. The Japan came in sight and Capt & Mrs Grant came on board - run down and made Birnie's Island which was very small and low.
- July 13th 1055 Saturday
Fine breezes from E.S.E. and pleasant. In company with the Japan running off for Hull's Island. Saw it and arrived down to it at 1/2 past 4 o'clock. Went on shore with two boats and got some fish.
- July 14th 1056 Sunday
Fine breezes from E.N.E. and beautiful weather. Saw Hull's Island to the windward also porpoises. The Japan in sight to the windward. Lat 4° 26' S. Long 172° 36' W.
- July 15th 1057 Monday
Fine breezes from N.E. and pleasant. Saw porpoises. The Japan in company. Lat 5° 09' S. Long 172° 23' W.
- July 16th 1058 Tuesday
Strong breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant. Saw Hull's Island just to the windward. Capt Grant went on shore. Lat 4° 38' S. Long 172° 27' W.
- July 17th 1059 Wednesday
Strong breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant. Went on board the Japan and spent the day. Lat 5° 48' S. Long 172° 23' W.
- July 18th 1060 Thursday
Squally with strong breezes from E.N.E. We are 47 months out to day and seen whales but 5 times in 18 months. Oh dear what luck.
- July 19th 1061 Friday
Light breezes and squally. Bound in for the line for we have seen nothing that looks like whales. The Japan in company. Lat 3° 36' S. Long 172° 23' W.

1861 Cruising on the Vire

- July 20th 1062 Saturday
Strong breezes from E S E and, squally. The Japan in sight but nothing that looks like whales
- July 21st 1063 Sunday
Strong breezes and pleasant. The water looks well for whales but none in sight - oh dear when shall we see them? These are lonely days at sea.
Lat 1.47 S. Long 171.51 W.
- July 22nd 1064 Monday
Pleasant weather and fine breezes from E S E.
Capt & Mrs Grant came on board and spent the afternoon
- July 23rd 1065 Tuesday
Fine breezes from E and pleasant. Nothing in sight
Lat 00. Long 171.15 W.
- July 24th 1066 Wednesday
Fine breezes from E N E and beautiful weather
Saw porpoises round the ship. The Japan is out of sight
Lat 00.04 S. Long 171.21 W.
- July 25th 1067 Thursday
Fine breezes from E S E and pleasant. Busy all day mending main topsail. Nothing in sight
Lat 00.37 S. Long 171.44 W.
- July 26th 1068 Friday
Fine weather and good breezes but no whales
Mending sails all day Lat 00.06 S Long 171.30 W
- July 27th 1069 Saturday
Strong breezes from E N E and fine weather. Saw blackfish just as we took in sail to night. also caught a very large Albercoak. Lat 00.45 S. Long 172.05
- July 28th 1070 Sunday
Fine weather and wind E N E. Saw Blackfish
The Japan in sight to night on the southern tack
Lat 00.42 S. Long 172.32 W.
- July 29th 1071 Monday
Beautiful weather but no whales - oh where are they?
The Japan has been in sight to day Lat 00.42 S Long 172.48 W.
- July 30th 1072 Tuesday
Light breezes from S.E. running off N. N. W. To night
Saw plenty of birds. Lat 00.25 S. Long 174.01 W.

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July 31st 1073 Wednesday

Fine breeze and pleasant - running off S.W. and to night saw a large school of blackfish lowered but took none. Lat 00-30 S. Long 175-22 W.

Aug 1st 1074 Thursday

Fine breeze from E.N.E. and pleasant. Plenty of birds. Intend being at Baker's Island tomorrow. Lat 00-12 S. Long 175-45

Aug 2^d 1075 Friday

Fine breeze and pleasant - made the Island and went on shore but got no letters

Aug 3^d 1076 Saturday

Fine beautiful weather - came on board this forenoon after stopping all night with Mr & Mrs Judd.

Aug 4th 1077 Sunday

Fine weather and good breeze but nothing in sight
Lat 00-09 N. Long 176-44 W.

Aug 5th 1078 Monday

Fine weather and good breeze - Saw the Japan and went on board this afternoon

Aug 6th 1079 Tuesday

First part squally but latter part good weather
The Japan went out of sight to night

Lat 1-07 S. Long 177-27 W.

Aug 7th 1080 Wednesday

Fine breezes and pleasant - nothing in sight

Lat 00-09 S. Long 178-09 W.

Aug 8th 1081 Thursday

Strong breezes and pleasant - nothing in sight

Aug 9th 1082 Friday

Squally with rain all day - Lat 2-01 S.

Aug 10th 1083 Saturday

Fine breezes and pleasant but no whales

Lat 2-48 S. Long 179-42

Aug 11th 1084 Sunday

Strong breezes from E and pleasant -

Lat 1-45 S. Long 179-38 W.

Aug 12th 1085 Monday

Fine breezes and pleasant. Saw a very large school of blackfish and Michael went down and struck on; the other boats did not get any but the bow boat struck & drew.

Lat 00-30 S. Long 179-36 W.

1861 Cruising on the Line

- Aug 13th 1086 Tuesday
Squally with a little rain. Fish round the ship
Lat 00-44 S. Long 179.54 W.
- Aug 14th 1087 Wednesday
First part squally with rain. This afternoon saw
blackfish & porpoise Lat 00.0 S. Long 179.52 W.
- Aug 15th 1088 Thursday
Fine weather and good breeze - find we have a
strong current to the W. Lat 00-28 S. Long 179.48 E.
- Aug 16th 1089 Friday
Fine beautiful weather heading to the south
Saw blackfish Lat 2-14 S. Long 179.17 E.
- Aug 17th 1090 Saturday
Strong breeze from ESE and pleasant but tired
writing "no whales" Lat 3-08 S. Long 178-39 E.
- Aug 18th 1091 Sunday
Fine weather and good breeze. Saw a large breach
suppose it to be finbacks as we saw one Lat 4-31 S. Long 177-52 E.
- Aug 19th 1092 Monday
Strong breeze from ESE and pleasant. Saw finbacks
& squid. Lat 5-46 S. Long 177-21 E.
- Aug 20th 1093 Tuesday
Strong breeze from ESE and pleasant. Saw finbacks
Lat 5-31 S. Long 177-17 E.
- Aug 21st 1094 Wednesday
Strong breeze from E and pleasant; bound in to the Line
Our little boy would have been 5 months old today if his
life had been spared but that was not granted to us
for some good purpose although we cannot see. He is
happy in heaven Lat 4-21 S. Long 177-45 E.
- Aug 22nd 1095 Thursday
Fine breeze from ESE and pleasant - nothing in sight
Lat 3-12 S. Long 177-26 E.
- Aug 23rd 1096 Friday
Strong breeze from E and pleasant. Saw Hope Island
- Aug 24th 1097 Saturday
Strong breeze and pleasant. Run down to the Island
and natives came on board.
- Aug 25th 1098 Sunday
Strong breeze and pleasant. Off Rotches Island and
natives came off with a few fowls & 2 dogs.

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- Aug 26th 1109 Monday
This morning two off Chase's Island and a few natives came on board. To night we are off Drummonds Island.
- Aug 27th 1100 Tuesday
This morning off Drummonds Island with a good breeze and got some fish of the natives. This afternoon we are off Vydenham's Island. Lat 60.48 S. Long 174.47 E.
- Aug 28th 1101 Wednesday
First part equally with rain latter part pleasant but no whales - Oh dear me when shall we see them and get some oil. Lat 60.28 S. Long 173.22 E.
- Aug 29th 1102 Thursday
Very warm day with light air - nothing in sight.
- Aug 30th 1103 Friday
Squally first part - saw a sail which was the Eugenia who came down and spoke us and Capt Hamblin & Purser. Lick the mate came on board and stopped the day. Lat 60.35 S. Long 172.22 E.
- Aug 31st 1104 Saturday
Fine breeze and pleasant. The Eugenia in sight saw porpoises.
- Sept 1st 1105 Sunday
Strong breezes and pleasant. Capt Hamblin came on board and spent the day and this evening Purser came on board. Lat 60.01 N. No obs.
- Sept 2nd 1106 Monday
Fine breeze from E. and pleasant. Raised whales going to the leeward, lowered and struck three whales but saved only one - the larboard boats took him alongside at 8 o'clock in the evening. Lat 60.10 S. Long 170.56 E.
- Sept 3rd 1107 Tuesday
Fine breeze from E. and pleasant, commenced cutting in the whale this morning, then started the works. The Eugenia is off our weather beam. Lat 60.12 S. Long 170.47 E.
- Sept 4th 1108 Wednesday
Strong breeze and rugged; finished boiling. The Eugenia in sight. Lat 60.50 S Long 170.48
- Sept 5th 1109 Thursday
Pleasant and busy cooping oil between decks. This afternoon Mr Went on board the Eugenia and Purser came to game with me. So ends this day.

1861 Four years out and cruising on the Line

- Sept 6th 1110 Friday
 Fine breeze from S.E. and squally first part. The *Eugenie* off our lee beam but no whales. Saw Ocean Island this morning off the lee quarter
 Lat 01.27 S. Long 170.38 E (S. for East)
- Sept 7th 1111 Saturday
 Fine breeze from S.E. and pleasant. Coopered the oil and stowed it down so now we can say the lower hold is full and we want a little more oil to make us up a good voyage. This is my fifth birthday since I left home and I hope we may arrive there before another one comes and find all our friends alive and well.
 Lat 02.10 S. Long 171.03 E.
- Sept 8th 1112 Sunday
 Fine breeze and pleasant - Capt Hamblin is on board to day and to night. Prince came on board and spent the evening. Saw the land tonight.
- Sept 9th 1113 Monday
 Strong breeze and pleasant. Have been off Ocean Island all day getting off wood and fowls. The *Eugenie* is here also.
- Sept 10th 1114 Tuesday
 Strong breeze and pleasant. Saw breaches but not sperm whales. The *Eugenie* in company
 Lat 03. Long 170.08 E.
- Sept 11th 1115 Wednesday
 Strong breeze and pleasant - Saw the land to night. Capt Hamblin came on board and spent the evening
 Lat 04.23 S. Long 169.45 E.
- Sept 12th 1116 Thursday
 Strong breeze and pleasant - standing to the north of the Line but see nothing. The *Eugenie* in company
 Lat 05.37 N. Long 169.21 E.
- Sept 13th 1117 Friday
 Strong breeze from E.S.E. and pleasant - quite rugged
 Lat 06.41 N. Long 169.19 E.
- Sept 14th 1118 Saturday
 Very strong breeze and rugged - saw two carcasses
 Lat 07.31 S. Long 168.28 E.
- Sept 15th 1119 Sunday
 Fine weather and good breeze from E.S.E. passed another carcass to day lowered and one boat went down to it. Capt Hamblin & Prince came on board this afternoon.

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Ship "Gazelle" on the line cruising

- Sept 16th 1120 Monday
Fine breeze and beautiful weather. The *Eugenia* looked for blackfish but got none. Lat 00.03 S. Long 168.23 E
- Sept 17th 1121 Tuesday
Squally with rain last night. Looking squally to night - seen nothing. Lat 00.12 S. Long 167.57 E.
- Sept 18th 1122 Wednesday
Strong breeze and pleasant - went on board the *Eugenia* and spent the afternoon and after tea Capt Hamblin & Purser came on board and stopped the evening.
- Sept 19th 1123 Thursday
Strong breezes from E & E land pleasant - saw bunches - The *Eugenia* in sight. Lat 00.10 N. Long 167.23 E.
- Sept 20th 1124 Friday
Strong breeze and pleasant. Made the land this morning but did not go close in. Two canoes came along side. The *Gay Head* we met here also the *Eugenia*. In night Capt Lawrence and Hamblin came on board.
- Sept 21st 1125 Saturday
Very strong breeze and pleasant - saw the land plain but had a very strong current. The *Gay Head* is in under the land trading and the *Eugenia* is at the south of us.
- Sept 22nd 1126 Sunday
Strong breeze and pleasant - The Captains from both ships came and spent the day with us.
- Sept 23rd 1127 Monday
Strong breezes and pleasant. The *Eugenia* is out of sight to night - also the *Gay Head*.
- Sept 24th 1128 Tuesday
Strong breeze and pleasant. Michael & Cooper very busy altering the house on deck. The *Gay Head* in sight to night. Lat 00.07 N. Long 164.25 E
- Sept 25th 1129 Wednesday
Light airs and fine weather. Saw the *Gay Head* steering in N.W. but no whales seen. Lat 00. Long 163.44 E
- Sept 26th 1130 Thursday
Light breezes and pleasant. The *Gay Head* came down and spoke us and Capt Lawrence came on board and spent the day. The *Eugenia* passed us this morning bound into the South. Seen nothing that looks like whales - oh where are they? Lat 00.03 S. Long 163.16 E

1861 Cruising on the Vire

- Sept 27th 1131 Friday
Strong breezes and pleasant. Raised whales this afternoon and got to them after the Gay Head's boats had struck - the waist boat got one and took him along side after dark. Lat 00-52 N. Long 163-10 E.
- Sept 28th 1132 Saturday
Strong breezes and pleasant - commenced cutting on whale early this morning and started the works. The Gay Head got three and is in sight also the Eugenia a long way off. Lat 00-48 N. Long 162-36 E.
- Sept 29th 1133 Sunday
Strong breezes and pleasant. Saw a very large school of porpoises round the ship also finbacks. No sail in sight to day. Lat 00-58 N. Long 162-39 E.
- Sept 30th 1134 Monday
Strong breezes and pleasant - find we have a strong N.W. current. The Gay Head off our lee beam Lat 00-58 N. Long 162-19 E.
- Oct 1st 1135 Tuesday
Strong breezes and pleasant - saw finbacks & porpoises
- Oct 2nd 1136 Wednesday
Strong breezes and pleasant - cooped the oil for stowing down tomorrow. Saw finbacks - Lat 1-29 S. Long 161-46 E.
- Oct 3rd 1137 Thursday
Strong breezes and pleasant with wind veer to the north. This afternoon stowed down the oil Lat 2-30 S. Long 161-49 E.
- Oct 4th 1138 Friday
Light airs with all sail trying to hold on as the current is very strong here. Nothing in sight Lat 2-07 S. Long 162-01 E.
- Oct 5th 1139 Saturday
Light airs and squally with very little rain. Fairied in under the house to night. The boatsteersess has come in the cabin to cat. Nothing in sight - No obs. Lat 1-30 S.
- Oct 6th 1140 Sunday
Strong breezes from E and pleasant - have seen finbacks porpoises and blackfish to day. Lat 00-11 S. Long 161-19 E.
- Oct 7th 1141 Monday
Very strong breezes from E and pleasant. This is Susan A. Peabody's 38th birthday and oh how I would like to be her. Lat 1-29 N. Long 161-2
- Oct 8th 1142 Tuesday
Very strong breezes from S.E. and squally - Bent our new fore topsail to day and brace which will last us long if nothing happens Lat 2-52 N. Long 161-52 E.

1861

Ship "Gazelle" cruising on the Line

- Oct 9th 1143 Wednesday
Light breezes and pleasant with wind S.E. Bound for
Strong's Island after water Lat 4.25 N Long 162.37 E.
- Oct 10th 1144 Thursday
Light airs and pleasant - nothing in sight
- Oct 11th 1145 Friday
This is Michael's 40th birthday and may he live to see many
more is the wish of his wife Nellie. Strong's Island is in
sight
- Oct 12th 1146 Saturday
Very light airs and a strong southerly current - do
not make much head way towards the land
- Oct 13th 1147 Sunday
Squally with some rain - got in this morning and sent
three boats with the casks. Latter part raining in torrents; one
boat came on board also a canoe with three natives. Squally weather
- Oct 14th 1148 Monday
Light airs from all round the compass. hear that there is a
ship on the other side in the harbour think it is the Desdemona
The boats towed off the water this afternoon and several
canoes came off with coconuts and one hog. Very strong
current close in setting towards the land but a short distance
off have it setting to the S.W.
- Oct 15th 1149 Tuesday
Calm most of the day and the current has set us to the
S.W. of that island about 25 miles. Very warm weather
- Oct 16th 1150 Wednesday
Light airs and squally with rain. The land out of sight
Seen nothing that looks like whales Lat 4.47 N Long 162.26 E
- Oct 17th 1151 Thursday
Heavy squalls with plenty of rain - No Obs.
- Oct 18th 1152 Friday
Squally weather and strong breezes - Saw a swordfish
covered but he went down. Very sluggish Lat 4.10 N Long 162.42 E
- Oct 19th 1153 Saturday
Strong breezes from E N E and pleasant - nothing in sight
Lat 3.06 N. Long 162.53 E
- Oct 20th 1154 Sunday
Strong breezes from N E and beautiful weather. A lovely
day to us and long to get home once more where we can attend
church - Home Sweet Home Lat 2.04 N Long 164.20 E

1861 Round South and then Home.

- Oct 21st 1155 Monday
Light breezes from S.E. and pleasant - plenty of fish in sight. Lat 00-16. N Long 164-24 E
- Oct 22nd 1156 Tuesday
First part squally but latter part good breeze from the south. Michael to work on boat grips. Lat 00-03 N Long 164-13 E
- Oct 23rd 1157 Wednesday
Fine weather with wind ESE bound into the south. Caught a fish called yellow tail. Busy fixing the spars. Lat 00-29 S. Long 163-53.
- Oct 24th 1158 Thursday
Light breezes and pleasant - nothing in sight. Lat 1-49 S. Long 163-51
- Oct 25th 1159 Friday
Light airs and pleasant; this afternoon saw a water spout but it broke before it got to us. Saw sports finbacks. Lat 3-02 S. Long 163-44. E
- Oct 26th 1160 Saturday
Fine breezes from N.E. and pleasant. Saw blackfish - lanced but did not strike. This afternoon painted inside of ship. Frank (a Portuguese) is sick. Lat 4-15 S. Long 163-53 E
- Oct 27th 1161 Sunday
Fine weather and light airs from N.E. nothing in sight. Frank is much better. Lat 5-22 S. Long 164-06 E
- Oct 28th 1162 Monday
Strong breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant - find there is no current here - going to touch at Steward's Island to get some recruits. Lat 7-12 S. Long 164-05 E.
- Oct 29th 1163 Tuesday
First part fine breezes from E.N.E. and pleasant - latter part squally weather; saw fish and birds. Lat 8-23 S. Long 164-08 E
- Oct 30th 1164 Wednesday
Squally weather with a heavy squall about 11 o'clock and lasted until evening & very rugged.
- Oct 31st 1165 Thursday
Fine weather again and moderate - nothing in sight. Lat 10-17 S. Long 164-18 E.

The end of this journal.

Oct 31st 1861.
Ship "Gazelle"
50 months out 1650 sp.

1857 Names of Ships Spoken by Ship Gazelle.

Sept 27 Bark Greyhound of Westport
3 months out with _____ 150 sp.
to St. Michael's.

Oct 11th

Bark Mary & Susan Capt Stewart of
N. Bedford 3 months out with _____ 60 sp
Lat. 3-29. N. Long. 18-00 W.

Oct 15th Signalized Bark Cornelia of N. B.
Lat. 3-19. S. Long. 23-34 W.

Nov 12th Ship Stephania Capt Fisher of N. B.
4 months out with _____ 200 sp
Lat 36-32. S Long 2-44 W.

Nov 13th Ship Gideon Howland Capt Williams
of N. B. 3 months out with _____ 25 W. 90 sp
Lat 36-32. S. Long. 1-34 W.

Nov 16th Bark Nye Capt Howland of Dartmouth
18 months with _____ 400 sp.
Lat 35-16 S. Long 2-09 W.

Nov 22^d Bark Milwood Capt Gunsinger of
N. B. 2 1/2 months out clean
Lat 35-00 S. Long 1-00

Nov 25th N. America Capt Lyons of N. London
2 years out no report of oil.

1858

Jan 22^d Bark E. Swift Capt Chase of N. B. 38 months
with 1600 sp. 1600. sp
Lat 36-34 S. Long 161-53 E.

Jan 22^d Bark Roscoe Capt Coffin of N. B. 29 months
out with _____ 650. sp
Lat 36-34 S. Long 161-53 E.

1858

Continued.

- Feb 8th Bark Howshouks Capt Toby of Talmouth
 39 months with 1000 sp. 1000 sp.
 Lat 33.46 S. Long 171.00 E.
- Feb 10th Ship Arctic Capt Beedman of N.B.
 18 months with 4100 and 3500 sp.
 Lat 32.55 S. Long 174.16.30 E.

Jan 6th 1858 Stowed down —

March 23^d " " " —

50 barrels sp.

96 - ~~48~~ gone up

1858 May 5th - 55

Aug 18th 33

Nov 29 - 63

Dec 9th 46

87

1859 Jan 3

Jan 24 140

Feb 7th 120

13

April 5th 87

April 19th 77

May 8th 91

Aug 11th 26

Sept 3^d 34

" 20th 46

Oct 26th 86

807

1860 Jan. 21st 62

Feb 7th 60

March 3^d 78

" 4th 42

May 7th 36

July 18th 27

126

1861 Jan 21 39

May 28

Sept 7th 26

Oct 8th 32

305

171
1646 B B ls

708
25-
10/7 28

82
783
82
621

Account of oil stored down

Body 154
202
Jan 6th 201
1858 160
133
850

63/1700 (26
166 24
44 0 50 barrels sp.
378

62 galls
63

March 15th 1858

246
201
200
154
153
235
235
158
213
200
120
159
142
189
139
105
108
120

3 1/2 3047 Galls

63/6094 (96 barrels sp.
567

424
378
246 Galls 23
63

Feb 7th 1859

129
202
244
144
179
265
111
110
71
130
108
169
3386
53-23 galls
2118
63/4236
67-07 galls

May 5th

199
200
200
158
281
270
270
175
1753
63/2506 (55
315
356
315
41
63

Aug 18th

130
229
240
150
165
129
1043
63/2086
33-7
63

Jan 3rd 1859 63/2976
63-13 1/2 galls

161
192
108
270
254
214
155
200
127
160
158
186
246
148
132
2766

63/5532 (88.25 galls
504
492
441
51

April 8th 1859

110
115
200
425
2
63/850
13-20 galls
152
195
160
165
150
220
166
164
212
112
101
112
180
101
144
186
125
88
172
2753
63/5506 (87-12 1/2 galls
504
466
441
25

yllead 158

191
Jan 6th 152
1858 125
100

726
63/1452
23-3 galls
63

Nov 29th

155
222
230
200
210
166
126
174
129
132
114
130
1988

Dec 9th

157
188
241
273
196
185
147
112
1469
63/2938

46.20 galls

Jan 24th 1859

199
157
160
202
153
283
242
269
246
241
155
147
165
168
257
3044
63/8868
93
96
139
164
140
183
157
89
119
200
1390
3044
4434
2
140-24 galls

April 19th 1859

x 136
x 111
x 179
x 146
x 174
x 278 lb
x 180
x 255 lb
268 lb
280 lb
275
x 165
2447
63/4894
77-21 galls

May 8th 1859

Aug. 11th 1859

Sept 3rd 1859

Sept-20th 1859

200
164
158
181
164
96
134
207
156
165
156
198
122
158
111
116
100
109
101
97

104
75
159
115
104
161
112

208
166
206
167
198
128

94
73
74
119
120
88
160
132
137
108
110
131
134

63) 1660
26 - 11 galls

63) 2146
34 - 2 galls

63) 2960
46 - 31 galls

Jan 21st 1860

Feb 7th 1860

March 3rd 1860

2893
2

63) 5786
91 - 26 galls.

Oct 26th 1859

63) 2674
42 - 14 galls

March 4th 1860

63) 3826
60 - 23 Galls

May 7th 1860

63) 4948
78 - 17 galls.

July 14th 1860

Jan 21st 1861

May 28th 1861

2734
2
63) 5468
86 - 25 galls

63) 1704
27 - 1 1/2 galls

Sept 7th 1861

Oct 3rd 1861

115
105
118
231
160
105
834
63) 1668
26 - 15 galls

221
315
220
265
1021
63) 2042
32 - 13 galls

126 31 galls

63) 2500
189
610
567
43

Account of the Amygdaloid sacks - 241-191-127 - xxx

(May 1860 30 barrels)
332 Cask

78
42
120

127
26
32
39
224

42
80
78
27
42
249
224
453

86
46
34
26
91
87
47
53
68
13
140
87
705

